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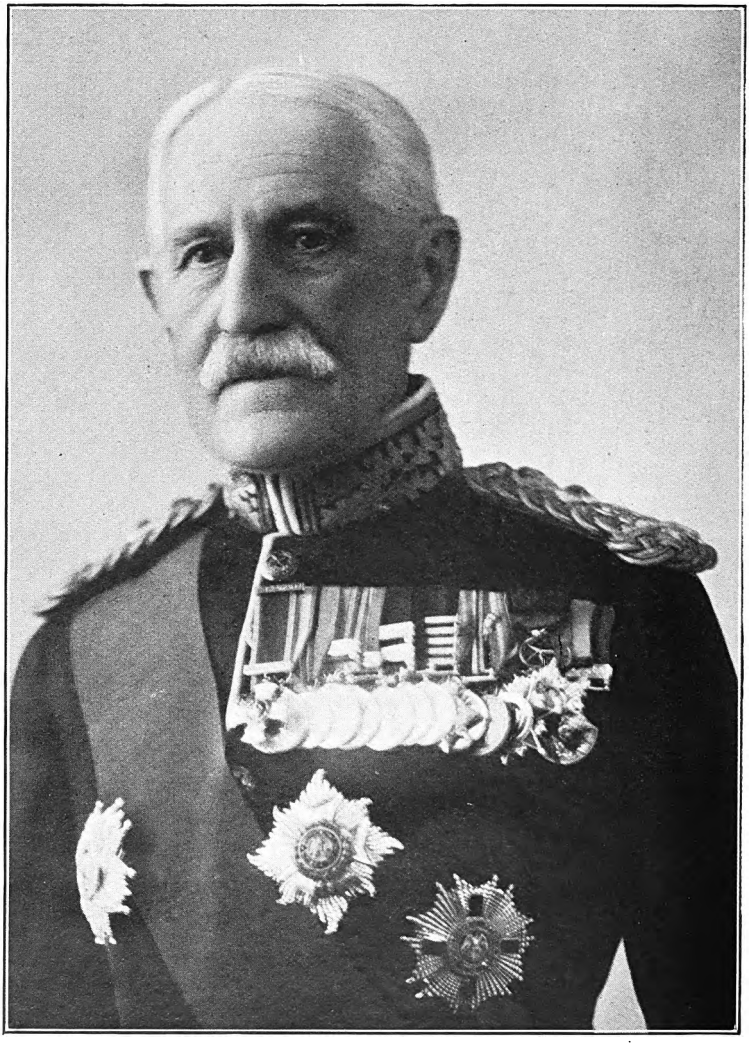

"Whoever leads such a life need not care upon how short warning it be taken from him."—Lord Clarendon.

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To love the Game beyond the Prize."

HENRY NEWBOLT.

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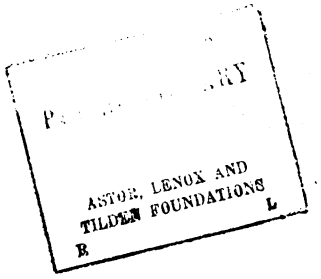

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GENERAL SIR H. L. SMITH-DORRIEN, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O.,
AT THE UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL TO THE MISSING, POZIÈRES
4TH AUGUST, 1930

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I

OUR LATE BELOVED COLONEL, COMRADE AND FRIEND

" And so he passed over,
And all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

WHEN, on the 12th August last, we all heard the terribly sad news of the death of the Colonel of our Regiment, General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, there was not, we venture in all confidence to assert, one single individual of whatever rank, who had served in any one of our battalions, who did not experience a feeling of really personal loss. Our Colonel was indeed *The Regiment*: he always took the keenest possible interest, not only in the good name and well-being of his Regiment, of which during just over twenty-five years he had been the honoured Colonel, but in every man, woman or child who belonged, or ever had belonged to it. No Regimental gathering was considered complete without his attendance. As the date for our Old Comrades' Dinner drew near, we all asked as our first question—" Will the General be there ? " and its success depended entirely upon the answer we received ; while did any one of our battalions win a victory in any field, then the first thought in everybody's mind was—" How pleased the General will be ! "

It seems impossible to imagine the Regiment without him, for where the Regiment was there was he to be found, giving the encouragement of his presence, the spur of the word of real appreciation. The few weeks and even days immediately preceding his terribly tragic death were passed in working for it. In the very last letter received from him by the writer

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of this brief and all too inadequate memoir, and dated the 31st July, he described how he had spent the previous week at the Depot, attending meetings of the Committee of our Old Comrades' Association and taking part in the Annual Pilgrimage to our War Memorial at Crich. He then returned to France, to the Somme area, to unveil a War Memorial at Pozières, "from which," he wrote, "I hasten back to do two days in camp with our Territorials at Ulverston, near Windermere, a seven-hours' journey from London." He can scarcely have got back from this when the end came and the brave life was over.

It is some consolation to us all to note how all classes have joined in warm tribute to his great services during seventy-two years of crowded life: to his fine work in the many campaigns in which as regimental officer, staff officer, and commander of units small and large, he had served so brilliantly; and, above all, to his heroic decision, now everywhere acclaimed as the one bright memory during the dark days of retreat, to stand and fight at Le Cateau. History has done him justice, and with the verdict of history all men are in rare and cordial agreement.

In such a loss as has befallen us one thinks first and foremost of the Regiment, but there are others to whom the real sympathy of every one of us goes out in fullest measure; to those old friends who have been in close companionship with him during more than half a century; and, above all, to the widow and the sons to whom he leaves his treasured memory. It is not given to every man to go out of the world so truly regretted and leaving so irreparable a gap behind him; and of such a man we may say in the words of an English poet-laureate:

> "This is the Happy Warrior, this is he,
> Whom every man in arms should wish to be."

The following very sympathetic telegrams and cable were received by Lady Smith-Dorrien:

From His Majesty the King:—

> "The Queen and I have learnt with deep regret of the tragic death of our very old friend, Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, and we send you our deepest sympathy in your

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sudden and irreparable loss. My Army will mourn one who was beloved by all ranks and whose name will always have an honoured place in its Annals.

"GEORGE R. I."

From the Army Council :—

"The Army Council mourn with you the loss of a Great Soldier, the record of whose character and achievements will fill a stirring page in our Military History. On behalf of the Army we offer to you and your family our deepest sympathy in your sorrow."

From the India Office :—

"General Sir A. Cobb, Military Secretary, has been asked by Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood to convey to you his deep personal regret, and the regret of the whole Army in India, at the death of your most gallant husband, whom they all recognize as one of the finest soldiers in the Army and one who did so much for India in past years."

AN APPRECIATION

By Field-Marshal Lord Methuen, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., the Senior Non-Royal Field-Marshal

THERE were two Generals, one of whom was General Smith-Dorrien, who, I said I would guarantee, would do fine service in the Great War. In both cases my belief proved true. Sir Horace served under me when we had to occupy Oliphant's Nek in the South African War and I saw his value. After that war when he had the Southern Command and we were often together, again I recognized his charm and ability.

I should have said that in the Mons Retreat, in answer to a letter from me, he said he was enjoying every day of it.

In my old age I have lost a dear friend, and a fine type of an English gentleman and soldier.

(Sd.) METHUEN,
Field-Marshal.

CORSHAM COURT,
WILTSHIRE.
6th September, 1930.

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TO THE IMMORTAL MEMORY
OF
HORACE SMITH-DORRIEN

(ONE OF THE GREATEST BRITISH GENERALS OF ALL TIME)

"I tried hard to outflank him, but could not do so. If I had succeeded, the war would have been won."—GENERAL VON KLUCK.

I

AT Bertry, in the little room,
With maps, at dead of night,
He, for our sake, diced with Doom
Till—there was Light!

II

"Retire your left," said General French,
"Before the Prussian might."
The dead man mused: "In this poor trench
I could hold up their right."

III

He said to General Allenby:
"This will be tug and pull.
Will you take orders under me?"
"I will," replied "the Bull."

IV

Then to his officers he said:
"French falls back on the right,
But since the left by me is led,
Why, gentlemen, we'll fight!"

V

Fate and he were hand to throat—
Did he think, mayhap,
Of the little Man in the grey coat
In the inn before Jemappes—

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VI

Of one who came from Westerham,
And in the boat read Gray
Beneath the Heights of Abraham,
Then soared—to perfect Day—

VII

Of Paul Jones and his splendid pluck,
When spake that spirit bright
To those who asked, " Sir, have you struck ? "
" I've not commenced to fight " ?

VIII

Von Kluck's men were not bad men,
He was a soldier deft,
But though they fought like mad men
They could not break our left.

IX

The man the Germans could not break
Our Pooh-Bahs broke, because
In saving us, his one mistake
Was to break Pooh-Bah laws.

X

The names of those faint-hearted
Are as hissing in our ears,
But the man with whom they parted
Shines immortal down the years.

XI

Life's tyrannies have ceased to toy ;
There sinks unto Death's deep Nirvana
The fair young radiant soldier boy
Of Isandhlwana !

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XII

Tears in thine eyes! Bays on his brow!
O England! this dear son
Is with thy deathless Captains now,
With Wolfe, with Wellington.

W. J. WENHAM.

12th August, 1930.

THE LE CATEAU DECISION

By Major-General Sir F. Maurice, K.C.M.G., C.B.

AS the only representative of the Regiment who was present at the head-quarters of the IInd Corps in the early hours of 26th August, 1914, when Sir Horace made the famous decision, with which his name will ever be connected in history, my recollections of that event may be of interest to readers of the *Annual*. Sir Horace's own account of his decision to fight at Le Cateau, in his *Memories of Forty-Eight Years' Service*, is so modestly written as to give no idea of the effect of his personality on all who were present on that occasion.

I was at the time on the General Staff of the 3rd Division, commanded by Major-General Hubert Hamilton. Late in the afternoon of the 25th August the Germans began to press hard on the Cavalry who were covering the left of the IInd Corps and appeared likely to gain possession of the high ground above the village of Solesmes. The road through Solesmes leading to Le Cateau runs in a defile, and about the time when the German attack appeared to be serious this defile was hopelessly blocked by a mass of French refugees in a state of panic, and by French Territorials flying from Valenciennes; through the jam of traffic the 19th Infantry Brigade with its transport and part of the transport of the Cavalry Division was trying to make its way from our left to our right, while the line of retreat of the 7th Infantry Brigade of the 3rd Division ran across the defile from north to south.

General McCracken, who commanded the 7th Brigade, at once reinforced our Cavalry and held the heights above Solesmes till long after dark, and his prompt action held off

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the enemy, and enabled the defile to be cleared and saved a disaster.

Our first orders were that we were to stand on the Le Cateau position, but about 11 p.m. we received orders, in accordance with instructions from G.H.Q., to continue the retreat the next morning and General Hamilton directed the main bodies of our two columns to start at 7 a.m. About 1.30 a.m. on the 26th August a message was received from the 7th Brigade that the headquarters 2nd South Lancashire, and 1st Wiltshire, which had been engaged at Solesmes, had only reached Caudry, where the Brigade was to have assembled, after midnight, that two companies of the South Lancashires, one company and part of another of the Wiltshires, were missing, and that nothing had been heard of the 2nd Royal Irish Rifles and the 41st Battery R.F.A. We learned afterwards that these troops had in the darkness and confusion in Solesmes become separated from the remainder of the Brigade, and had followed the general stream of traffic into Le Cateau. They did not rejoin until well in the forenoon of the 26th.

On getting this news General Hamilton decided to go and tell Sir Horace that his main bodies could not start at 7 a.m. The headquarters of the IInd Corps were quite close to our own in the village of Bertry, and General Hamilton told me to come with him. Just as we were starting we met a messenger from Sir Horace asking General Hamilton to come and see him.

When we arrived we found that General Allenby had just come in with his Chief-of-the-Staff, Colonel John Vaughan. Allenby's cavalry division had been split up in covering the retreat, and we were told on our arrival that he had said that he was not yet in touch with several of his regiments; that the Germans were close up to us, in strength, and that he could not get his cavalry together in time to cover a further retreat that morning. Allenby added that unless the infantry could get away before dawn, that is within three hours of the time when he was speaking, we should be forced to fight.

This news was a nasty shock for us, for we knew that the infantry of the 3rd Division had been under arms since 3 a.m. on the 25th, that a portion had had no rest or food, and that a part was God knew where. General Hamilton's statement,

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coming on the top of Allenby's, would have perturbed most men, and Sir Horace had other information of which we knew nothing. The 19th Infantry Brigade had been attached to Allenby's Cavalry and G.H.Q. had just placed it under the IInd Corps, but no one knew where it was. It had in fact, like the Royal Irish Rifles, wandered into Le Cateau in the dark. Sir Horace also knew at 2 a.m. on the 26th that the 4th Division on his left, which had just come out from England under General Snow, was not yet in position, and it did not get into position until between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m.

Sir Horace was then the senior officer on the spot, and around the Le Cateau position was about two-thirds of our whole Expeditionary Force, the Cavalry Division, 3rd, 4th and 5th Divisions and 19th Infantry Brigade, part under his command and part not. We were in close touch with a superior force of the enemy, the troops were very weary, the position of a considerable part of them was unknown, and G.H.Q. was thirty miles away at St. Quentin, quite out of touch with the situation.

Sir Horace, with all this on his mind, never turned a hair. On hearing General Hamilton's report he just said quietly, "Well, gentlemen, you must excuse me for a few minutes, I must discuss the situation with my Chief-of-the-Staff." He then left the room with General Forestier-Walker. He was back in five minutes, when he asked Allenby if he would serve under his orders. On Allenby saying "Yes," Sir Horace said, "Very well, gentlemen, we will fight, and I will ask General Snow to act under me as well." A general sigh of relief went up. The cloud was lifted. We all felt that we were commanded by a Man.

SOME HITHERTO LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT ISANDHLWANA

NO doubt most of us have read the account which our late Chief gives in his book, *Memories of Forty-Eight Years' Service*, about the action of Isandhlwana in the Zulu War of 1879; but he passes very lightly over his own share in the fight and says little or nothing about the circumstances

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under which he was recommended for the Victoria Cross. The *Army Quarterly* for July of last year, however, contained an article entitled *Fifty Years Ago*, which dealt at length with this action, and we have been so fortunate as to get in touch with the author, Mr. V. Wheeler-Holohan, and have had the very great happiness of learning from him that the man whose life was there saved by Lieutenant Smith-Dorrien, as he then was, was one John Desmond Holohan, the uncle of the writer of the above-mentioned article.

We propose then to set down here a brief account of the events leading up to, and those which occurred in the early part of, the action, closing with the actual words in which Mr. John Desmond Holohan tells of the end of the fight and how his life was saved by our dead Colonel and comrade.

When war was declared against the Zulus the British Army, under command of Lieut.-General Lord Chelmsford, an old 95th officer, crossed into Zululand in three columns, the centre one, under the immediate orders of the general commanding, crossing the Buffalo River on the 11th January, 1879, and marching on until on the 20th it camped on the east side of the mountain known as Isandhlwana. The position was anything but an ideal one for defence, the field of view and of fire being much restricted.

"At 4 a.m. on the morning of the 22nd January Lord Chelmsford moved out of camp, taking with him about half of the column, and four of his six guns. His intention was, if possible, to force an action with the enemy . . . to reconnoitre generally and to select the ground for his next camp." Many varying accounts have been given as to the orders which Lord Chelmsford left behind him; the author of the article in the *Army Quarterly* states that the General gave verbal orders to Colonel Pulleine of the 1st Bn. 24th Foot "to defend the camp"; while General Smith-Dorrien in his *Memories* tells us that "had Lord Chelmsford's order, as laid down in his 'standing orders for the Field Force in Zululand,' been carried out, the disaster would never have happened, for there it clearly directed that no force should ever camp in the enemy's country without entrenching, and yet not a sod was turned at Isandhlwana."

About 10 a.m. Colonel Durnford arrived in camp, and shortly

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after moved out again with the intention of engaging a Zulu force which he believed to be advancing against Lord Chelmsford's column; but meeting with an overwhelming force of the enemy he began to fall back upon the camp. "Before, however, this movement could be effected the main centre of the Zulu Army got to within 200 yards of the salient in the line. The British fire, which had been dropping the warriors in dozens, commenced to slacken"—either because the ammunition was running short or because the rifles were too hot to keep up the rapid fire. On the retire being now sounded the Natal Native Contingent—at the angle between the northern and eastern forces of the defence—suddenly broke and fled in terror, the guns were withdrawn to find a better position, and "the Zulu rush broke through the gap, and, swinging to right and left, the savages closed in, using their assegais with terrible effect. . . .

"Gradually the noise of the British musketry died away, and the few groups of whites disappeared. All was over, and 52 officers and 806 non-commissioned officers and men lay dead, together with 471 friendly natives. Five white officer survivors also passed through the gap, none of whom had left the camp till after 1 p.m., when they realized that the day was lost and that they could serve no useful purpose by remaining.

"In the terrible retreat to Fugitives Drift there were cool heads and steady hearts among those who escaped, and countless cases of self-sacrifice and gallantry were seen. To take but one instance, Lieut. Horace Smith-Dorrien, of the 95th, though mounted on a poor and exhausted pony, tarried on several occasions to help others who were sorely beset," and of some at least of these we are happily able to give an account.

In a letter from Mr. Wheeler-Holohan he writes: "I am enclosing the *Army Quarterly* in which my article on the Battle of Isandhlwana appeared: although my name appears under it, it is really the result of notes made by my late uncle and godfather, John Desmond Holohan, and by my father, the late Captain Wheeler-Holohan. The former spent a long time in Zululand after the Campaign, and he went into the accounts of the battle very closely. It was his intention to eventually publish his account of the disaster, but he died

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before he could carry out his idea. The fiftieth anniversary of the affair provided me with an opportunity and so I wrote it. I sent it to Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, and he gave me a lot of help and was so kind as to write that he congratulated me on the account as being 'the most interesting, and, I believe, accurate story of that desperate day I have ever read.'

"When the Zulu War broke out, my father was a Regular soldier and was in South Africa. My uncle had gone out to visit him, and the only way he could take part in the war was by enlisting in the irregular cavalry, and so he went into the Natal Carbineers. But my father moved out with Chelmsford's column, while my uncle stayed with Durnford.

"I am enclosing an extract from a lecture he gave to the South Wales Borderers some years ago, which gives the story of how Smith-Dorrien saved him on that terrible day. As you will see, it was sent to Sir Horace, and he settled the question beyond doubt as to who was the good Samaritan?"

"I can remember," said Mr. J. D. Holohan in the lecture above mentioned, "very little of my own experiences. When the Zulu pressure became severe, some half-dozen of us fell back covering the retreat of some of our mounted men towards the little hill. Half-way up the track Bradstreet shouted, 'God! they're behind us,' and we could see numbers of Zulus coming over the road from Rorke's Drift. At the same time we were told that the Infantry line had been broken, and I realized that we were in for a hard fight. A few minutes later we realized that all was up. I had no pistol, and, to add to my anxiety, the extractor of my rifle had jammed, having got behind the rim of the cartridge, so I was quite defenceless. I thanked Heaven that I had a powerful horse and that I weighed barely ten stone, when on reaching the *Nek* I realized that it was a *sauve qui peut*. Anyhow I legged it with the rest like a good 'un. A few minutes later my nag came down and I took an awful toss. When I got up I was quite dazed and my left wrist was damaged. I had not let go of the reins and was trying to get on, when I saw a perfect brute of an enormous Black coming at me. The horse was very restive. I was unarmed, and gave myself up for lost.

"A young officer in a black tunic came on the scene and held

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off the Zulu with his pistol; I think he shot him. Anyway, this young fellow then came up to me, and helped me into the saddle. I was in an awful state, nearly in a state of collapse. The bullet wound in my shoulder was bleeding again and I felt very weak. This young officer was wonderfully calm and I noticed that he was mounted on a very poor beast himself; he asked me if I was all right and told me to ride for it. Then he turned away and I saw him helping another poor devil,[1] and the infernal Zulus were getting more and more numerous every minute.

"A young gunner—Curling by name—helped me for a bit, and the next I knew of things was that I had got across the river, and was being held up by friendly natives on the Natal bank. My horse was still with me and I was soaked: how I got across I have no idea.

"I never found out definitely who the fellow was who had saved me, but I believe it was Dorrien-Smith of the 95th Foot. I asked Curling some years afterwards, and he said it was probably so, but Dorrien-Smith had saved more than one. His help at that timely moment beyond doubt saved my life and I can never forget it."

On the paper containing the above is a pencil endorsement in Sir Horace's well-known handwriting: "yes, this is quite true. I, Smith-Dorrien, not Dorrien-Smith, was the man."

Mr. V. Wheeler-Holohan's covering letter continues: "My uncle told me that the scene beggared description. He was a brave man—his career proved that—but he said that the feeling of panic in the air was unforgettable. The whole ride was like a nightmare. Men were screaming with fright, spears, knobkerries and bullets were flying about all over the place, and everybody seemed to be possessed of but one idea—escape. He himself was very weak; he had been hit behind the right shoulder about 12 o'clock, and they could not bandage him so as to stop the bleeding. He was also unarmed, and when his horse fell and the Zulu made at him, he thought the end had come. He said that Smith-Dorrien was perfectly quiet and cool; he had to shout at my uncle as the din was so awful, but he was most deliberate in his actions. He dismounted, gave my uncle a leg up, *shoved both his feet*

[1] This was Pte. Macdonald of the M.I. 24th Regiment apparently.

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into the stirrups and then said, 'ride hard and don't stop.'

"Finally, one more comment and I have done. The men who escaped succeeded in doing so because they were isolated and had no opportunity of reaching the rallying squares. My uncle, Cochrane, and a Boer named Hemmerich, told me that it was impossible to rally any of the fugitives. There were very few whites in the retreat at all and those were far apart. With the exception of Smith-Dorrien, Curling, Melville and a sergeant, my uncle never saw another European during the whole of the ride from Isandhlwana to the Drift."

The following is Lieut. Smith-Dorrien's own account of the retreat to and the crossing of the Buffalo River and final retreat to Helpmakaar, as taken from the *Illustrated London News* of the 29th March, 1879: this number also contains an illustration, which we are here kindly permitted to include, and which purports to be drawn by Lieut. W. W. Lloyd, 24th Regiment, with the assistance of Lieut. Smith-Dorrien.

"The ground there down to the river was so broken that the Zulus went as fast as the horses and kept killing all the way. There were very few white men. They were nearly all mounted niggers of ours flying. This lasted till we came to a kind of precipice down to the Buffalo River. I jumped off and led my horse down. There was a poor fellow of the Mounted Infantry (a private) struck through the arm, who said as I passed that if I could bind up his arm and stop the bleeding he would be all right. I accordingly took out my handkerchief and tied up his arm. Just as I had done it, Major Smith of the Artillery, came down by me wounded, saying, 'For God's sake, get on, man, the Zulus are on the top of us!'

"I had done all I could for the wounded man, and so turned to jump on my horse. Just as I was doing so the horse went with a bound to the bottom of the precipice, being struck with an assegai. I gave up all hope as the Zulus were all round me finishing off the wounded, the man I had helped and Major Smith among the number. However, with the strong hope that everybody clings to that something will turn up, I rushed off on foot and plunged into the river, which was little better than a roaring torrent.

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"I was being carried down the stream at a tremendous pace, when a loose horse came by me and I got hold of his tail and he landed me safely on the other bank, but I was too tired to stick to him and get on his back. I got up again and rushed on, and was several times knocked over by our mounted niggers, who would not even get out of my way; then up a tremendous hill, with my wet clothes and boots full of water. About twenty Zulus got over the water and followed us up over the hill, but I am thankful to say they had not their firearms. Crossing the river, however, the Zulus kept firing at us as we went up the hill, and killed several of the niggers all round me.

"I was the only white man to be seen until I came to one who had been kicked by his horse and could not mount. I put him on his horse and lent him my knife. He said he would catch me a horse. Directly he was up he went clear away.

"I struggled into Helpmakaar, about twenty miles off, at nightfall, to find a few men who had escaped—about ten or twenty—with others who had been entrenched in a wagon laager."

A TALE OF THE GREAT WAR

By A.N.O.N.

IT was in the winter of 1914–15 that I was sitting in my room busy with a job of work, when the door opened and a friend of mine "blew in." As I looked up, I saw that he seemed very much more cheerful and pleased with life generally than the majority of us were inclined to feel in those anxious days through which we were then passing, so I asked him if he had any good news to impart, upon which he informed me, with a not unholy pride, that a young nephew of his had just been awarded the Victoria Cross. Naturally I inquired what were the circumstances of the award, when he told me the following story, in which I have tried as far as possible to keep to my friend's words.

It was during the retreat from Mons and the nephew of my friend, a young subaltern in an Infantry Regiment, had

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FUNERAL OF GENERAL SIR H. L. SMITH-DORRIEN, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., AT ST. PETER'S, EATON SQUARE, S.W.
16TH AUGUST, 1930

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become separated from his Battalion and from the greater part of his company, and with the very few men that remained to him he was retreating along the road from Mons as fast as his legs would carry him.

He was only a boy, it was his first experience of active service, and all that he saw around him tended to depress him and to make him fear the worst. The road was full of men retreating like himself—in small parties and even in ones and twos; while the rearward road was still further congested, not only with military vehicles of all descriptions, but with farm-carts, wheelbarrows and even perambulators, in which the country people were trying to save their few poor possessions from falling into the hands of the enemy. To our young subaltern it must have seemed that the war, so far as our share in it was concerned, was practically over, and all he hoped and cared about was to find and rejoin his Battalion as quickly as possible.

Presently, as he and his wearied party hurried along, he saw coming towards him—moving, that is, in the direction of the front—two or three mounted men, and as these drew near he saw that they were a general officer and two of his staff; and then as that general officer, immutably serene, rode past him, this youngster was so vividly impressed by the look of calmness and confidence on that general's face, that the boy began to ask himself whether he was doing right in retreating as he was doing—whether perhaps he ought not to turn about and go back to where possibly some portion of the British Army might be making a stand and holding up the pursuing enemy. So quickly and so deeply did this idea take possession of him, that within a very few seconds this young officer had halted his men and explained what he thought of the possible situation to them, with the result that the little party had very speedily turned about and was following in the wake of that general officer.

After a time they began to come under enemy shell fire, and then, going on further, our subaltern and his men arrived at a place where, in a field off the road, some British guns had been abandoned, for the reason that the detachments and the teams had all been shot down. The little party went for those guns, they man-handled them on to the road, and

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having got them there, they managed to secure some ropes and a few horses of sorts: and—to make a long story short—those guns were got away, and it was for "saving British guns under enemy shell fire" that this young officer was awarded the Victoria Cross.

When my friend had finished his story, I said to him: "Well, that's a damned fine yarn; there's only one thing more I would like to know—what was the name of that General Officer?"

I wonder if there is a single soldier of any one of the thirty battalions which composed our Regiment during the Great War, who can't tell me straight off what was the answer that I received to my question!

A STORY OF THE TIRAH EXPEDITION

By O.C. "A" Company

WE had accompanied Major-General Hart's brigade into the Burg Valley, and were very soon made clearly to understand that our arrival there was anything but welcome, the tribesmen giving us the very strongest hints that they did not consider us as in any way desirable guests. As the guests had dispossessed the residents of their houses, one can perhaps hardly be surprised at the nature of the attentions we received at their hands.

The first night our camp and "bivvies" were very heavily sniped, some of the more adventurous of the enemy establishing themselves on the picquet line, between two of our picquets, and enjoyed themselves thoroughly, firing into camp all night and retiring, thoroughly satisfied with their performance, as day was breaking. It was very evident that the sniping would be renewed, with increased vigour, on the following night, so everybody proceeded to throw up some kind of protection round his sleeping-place, and it was not long before all the companies had made themselves tolerably secure for the next night.

General, then Major, Smith-Dorrien was, however, only a

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Second-in-Command at this time; he had no company to draw upon for the taking of protective measures, and was the very last person to call upon the men of any company to make him and his " bivvy " snug for the next night. The commander of " A " Company, however, considered it his business to see to it, and, approaching the Second-in-Command, he said unto him: " Look here, my dear chap, my company are going to put a *sangar* round your ' bivvy ' for the night." " Oh ! nonsense, my dear fellow," was the not unexpected reply, " what's the good of that ? I'm a bit of a fatalist, and if I *am* to be hit, well I *shall* be, and that's all there is to it."

The commander of " A " Company was, however, rather a coarse-minded man, given to the occasional use of bad language, and he replied: " I don't care a hoot " (only " hoot " was not the word employed), " there is no good in running unnecessary risks and a *sangar* you're going to have."

Within a very few minutes a wholly cheerful and unusually willing fatigue party of " A " Company had turned out, and proceeded to make a very pretty and useful little fortification round the Second-in-Command's resting-place, he standing by and from time to time addressing now one fatigue-man and now another, and occasionally the Company Commander, assuring them all that they had done quite enough and that with the earthwork raised round his lair, he could stand at least a year's siege. But " A " Company was taking no risks against a stray sniper's bullet getting through their defences, and they did not knock off work until quite a respectable *sangar* had been erected.

Our Second-in-Command was *not* hit during our week-end at Burg.

(For Services and account of the Funeral, see under " Obituary.")

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II

1ST BATTALION NOTES

LOOKING back over the period since the publication of the last *Annual*, the year seems to have been a very busy one. The Battalion was then in Chelsea Barracks furnishing guards on the Royal Palaces, and as it was the first occasion on which the Regiment has had the honour of performing this duty, the following letter from Major-General C. E. Corkran, G.O.C. London District, is worthy of record :—

> To Lieutenant-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O.
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> "I must tell you how much the good behaviour and smartness of your Battalion, especially on public duties, has been appreciated during your stay up here. All my soldier friends in London have remarked on the turn-out and smartness of your men on sentry."

The four weeks spent in London undoubtedly did the Battalion a lot of good. The fact that we were in the public eye provided just that "fillip" to the drill and turn-out, which no amount of R.S.M.'s parades could have done.

On returning to Shorncliffe the usual round of winter training was begun, and the football and hockey enthusiasts once again started to lament. That their laments were unjustifiable is proved by subsequent events. One of the features of the winter season was the Officers' bi-weekly ride in the R.A. School. Many were the hours of torment spent by some, especially when told to "cross your stirrups and fold your arms." On the other hand, we all obtained excellent instruction in schooling, and were provided with a wonderful antidote for those "Monday Morning" feelings.

November opened the season for the Shorncliffe drag. Being our first year we felt it encumbent on us to turn out

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in force, and altogether fourteen officers availed themselves of the "Fifteen Bobbers"—a no mean achievement.

What *Truth* described as a novel experiment was tried in December. With the exception of the necessary details, the whole Battalion went on furlough together. Such a success was it, that it is being done again this year.

Shorncliffe has enabled us to add yet another sport to those of the Battalion. The officers purchased in December a couple of greyhounds. Both of them were run in the Regimental colours and the hours spent in watching their activities provided a pleasant change in the usual routine, not the least appreciated part of which was the lunch of pork and beer at the local inn.

The winter saw the departure of many old acquaintances to India. A total of 4 Officers and 216 Other Ranks, drafted to the 2nd Battalion, sadly depleted our numbers remaining at Shorncliffe. Although congratulating him on his appointment to command of the 2nd Battalion, we were very loath to see the departure of Lieut.-Colonel Dumbell. On and off for the past seven years he has been with the Battalion, and many were the benefits we derived from him. We wish him every happiness and success in India.

So as not to interfere with the Annual Range Courses, Badajoz was this year celebrated on the 28th March, and an even greater number of past and present members of the Regiment than last year were present. The weather unfortunately was not kind, for a thick fog covered the whole of the ground until half-way through the parade.

The escort for the Colour was provided by the Machine-Gun Company, the winners of the Inter-Company Drill Competition.

The Badajoz Ball excelled itself both in organization and popularity, and it is pleasant to note that representatives from the Depot and the four Territorial Battalions were present.

The winning of the Army Cup in April was undoubtedly the success of the year, and congratulations are due to all who contributed to it.

The Final against the 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade, took place in Aldershot on Easter Monday. The Battalion went to Aldershot "en bloc," and over six hundred seats

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were reserved for us and our representatives from the Depot and Territorial Battalions.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester presented the Cup and medals at the conclusion of the match.

According to the Aldershot critics it was one of the best finals for many years; it certainly was not lacking in thrills.

The details of the game, and of the struggles which led up to the Final will be found in the Football notes.

This is the third occasion on which the Regiment has won the Army Cup, and we are at present doing our utmost to prevent it being the last.

The return of the Army Cup to Shorncliffe provided a scene that will not be forgotten for a long time. The team were met about a mile from camp by the whole Battalion, with the Band and Drums in full dress uniform. At this point they were transferred from the charabanc to a G.S. wagon decorated with the Regimental colours, and escorted to Barracks.

Congratulations are also due to the Boys' team. They have established for themselves a good record, in that they reached the Semi-Final in the first year we have entered for the Boys' Army Cup Competition.

By virtue of having had one company of the 45th engaged in the capture of Quebec, the Battalion was represented by one Officer, one Warrant Officer, one Sergeant and one Private at the unveiling of a monument to General Wolfe, which took place at Greenwich in June.

At the end of July the Battalion provided a detachment of eighteen Officers and thirty-two Warrant Officers and N.C.O.s for the Annual Camp of the 139th (Sherwood Foresters) Brigade at Ulverston, Lancashire. These camps are becoming increasingly popular, both among the Officers and the N.C.O.s, and several arguments were heard as to which was the most strenuous, the training by day, or the "operations" by night.

On the 12th August all ranks of the Battalion were deeply grieved to hear of the irreparable loss sustained by the Regiment through the death of their beloved Colonel, General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien.

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FINAL OF THE ARMY CUP

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER AND THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS XI

21ST APRIL, 1930

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It was the more sad to most of us, as only two days before his fatal accident the bulk of the Officers and N.C.O.s had seen him in the best of health and spirits when he was present with our Territorial Battalions at Ulverston.

The Memorial Service at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, on the 16th August was attended by twenty Officers and three hundred Other Ranks. A Guard-of-Honour of two Officers and fifty Rank and File was provided outside the Church. At the conclusion of the Service the buglers sounded the "Last Post" and the "Réveillé."

The under-mentioned Officer, Warrant Officers and N.C.O.s had the honour of bearing the coffin and accompanied it to Berkhamsted for the interment :—

Captain W. A. Ebsworth, C.S.M. C. F. Nicklin, C.S.M. R. Slade, C.S.M. E. Parkes, Sergt. H. Hopkins, Sergt. G. Wooding, Sergt. W. Hewgill, L.Sergt. W. Beard, L.Sergt. R. Blohm, L.Sergt. W. McPhun.

The climax of the Collective Training Season was reached when the Battalion went to Suffolk for the concentration of the 4th Division on the 26th August. We were then the strongest battalion in the brigade, our strength being twenty Officers and three hundred and eighty Other Ranks.

These were the first Divisional Manœuvres in which the Battalion had taken part since 1924, and to most of us they came as a new adventure. The weather for the first week was almost tropical, and all the operations started at 5 a.m. and were done in shirt-sleeves. The last week was exactly the opposite, being typically English, and wet from dawn till dusk. In spite of the weather the general verdict on the manœuvres was favourable, and to the effect that they might have been very much worse. Great value in training from them was derived, particularly in night work. To most of us the use of a groundsheet for a "bivvy" was a new experiment, and at the end of four weeks it was surprising to see how quickly they were erected. To some the delights of Henham Park were enhanced by the nearness of Lowestoft and Southwold.

The attractions offered by both towns were soon made manifest, and darts and skeeball became the indoor sports

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of many. Many miles on foot were covered with no casualties, and on two or three occasions the Battalion was complimented on its marching by the Brigade and Divisional Commanders.

Space does not allow of a detailed account, but in conclusion it is worthy of record to mention the verdict of *The Times* correspondent on the 4th Divisional Manœuvres, in which he says :—

> "Where everything is encouraging, it would be stupid to differentiate, but one of the three things which particularly impressed me was the general appearance and trained fitness of The Sherwood Foresters."

Football

The season 1929–30 is the most successful football season we have experienced for many years, the culminating triumph being the winning of the blue ribbon of Army Football, The Army Cup. Not since 1893 have we figured in the Final, in that year we were beaten by the 2nd Bn. Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, by one goal to nothing in a replayed match, after a goalless game with extra time. Since that day long ago, it has been our one ambition as far as football is concerned, to get the name of the 1st Battalion inscribed on the Cup. Whether we shall be able to equal the 2nd Battalion remains to be seen, but we have great hopes.

Our efforts to get into the Final since the Great War have been fully described in the Regimental Annuals, but last season under the guidance of Captain R. O. Nevitt, R.S.M. Stevenson, and C.S.M. Nicklin, all our difficulties seemed to disappear, football went with a swing, everyone was keen, and after some hard tussles we gradually saw ourselves drawing near the Final.

In the First Round we defeated the Carabiniers, Canterbury, by nine goals to three. Our next opponents were the 2nd Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment, Dover, whom we defeated by two goals to nothing. The Third Round brought us into contact with the 17th/21st Lancers, the holders of the Cavalry Cup, whom we defeated by five goals to two after a drawn game at Hounslow.

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We next met the 2nd Bn. The Cheshire Regiment at Aldershot, semi-finalists of the previous season, and defeated them by five goals to two. In the Fifth Round we were drawn against the holders of the Cup, the 1st Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers, and gained a victory of four goals to three after extra time. This was a very hard game indeed, and our team well deserved their victory.

The 1st Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment were our opponents in the Semi-Final, and were the losing side in the Final of the previous season. We defeated them by six goals to one. We were now qualified to meet the 2nd Bn. The Rifle Brigade in the Final, which took place on the Command Central Ground at Aldershot on Easter Monday, in the presence of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester and the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien.

1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters: C.S.M. C. F. Nicklin (goal); Pte. A. Cook and L.Corpl. J. Baugh (backs); L.Sergt. R. Blohm, L.Corpl. H. Hopewell (capt.), and Pte. A. Heptinstall (half-backs); L.Corpl. H. Parr, Corpl. A. Whittle, L.Sergt. W. McPhun, Pte. W. Goodley, and Corpl. D. Allen (forwards).

From start to finish the game went at a terrific pace, and the score might easily have been reversed had not C.S.M. Nicklin been at the top of his form, for The Rifle Brigade bombarded our goal for fifteen minutes. Their luck was certainly out, no fewer than three shots hitting the cross-bar, which, had they been a few inches lower, would have been goals. Our team, however, got to work and Parr scored the first goal, which was replied to by The Rifle Brigade in a mix-up in front of our goal, following a corner.

A smart solo run by Allen, in which he beat all opponents, restored our lead, but a minute before half-time The Rifle Brigade equalized a second time.

There was no sign of slackness in the second half in spite of the great pace, and there was no doubt that we were finishing better. Whittle and Allen both tested The Rifle Brigade goalkeeper and Parr had a goal disallowed.

The penalty which decided the game was the only possible decision. McPhun was making for goal when he was fouled

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by an opposing back, he took the resulting penalty kick and scored the winning goal.

The game was considered to have been the best Army Cup Final since the War and we thank our opponents for a good sporting game.

The following are the names of those in our photograph of the Team which appears opposite page 20 :—

Back row, left to right.—Corpl. W. Troth, Pte. A. Cook, Coy. Sergt.-Major C. F. Nicklin, L.Sergt. R. Blohm, Corpl. A. E. Whittle, and Regimental Sergeant-Major A. Stevenson.

Seated, left to right.—Pte. A. Heptinstall, L.Corpl. J. Baugh, Lieut.-Col. R. T. Foster, D.S.O., L.Corpl. H. Hopewell, captain of team, Capt. S. Gregory, L.Sergt. W. McPhun and Pte. W. Goodley.

Seated in front, left to right.—L.Corpl. H. Parr and Corpl. D. Allen.

In League football our first team won the Folkestone and District Senior League for the second year in succession. The following is the summary :—

				Goals	
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
20	18	2	0	138	30

The 2nd team, under the guidance of C.Q.M.S. Cunningham, were second in the East Kent League.

				Goals	
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
22	18	2	2	138	34

The 2nd team also won the Dover Charity Cup. They lined up for the Final against the Dover Butchers as follows :—

Corpl. H. Allen (goal) ; Sergt. Ransford, Pte. Harris (backs) ; Pte. Mason, Pte. Buckley, Corpl. Patilla (half-backs) ; Pte. Cope, Pte. Extall, Pte. Frost, Pte. Hanner and Pte. Dabell (forwards).

It was a good hard game and very even up to half-time. The Dover Butchers scored first, but Frost equalized and also scored a second goal, and just before half-time Corpl. Allen was called upon to defend his goal against a penalty kick, which he did successfully.

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After the interval Hanner scored and from then on the Butchers seemed to go to pieces, Hanner scoring a second goal and finally the Butchers put a ball through their own goal, the final score being five goals to one in our favour.

The greatest surprise of the season was the Boys' Team. Although we only had twelve boys to pick from, we decided to enter the Boys' Army Cup Competition. C.S.M. Nicklin took them in hand and assisted by other members of the Battalion team did very good work.

In the First Round, we defeated the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders by two goals to one. We then met the 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, whom we defeated by three goals to two. Our opponents in the Third Round were the 1st Bn. The Grenadier Guards, whom we defeated by four goals to one.

We next journeyed to Colchester to play the boys of the 2nd Bn. Northamptonshire Regiment, and defeated them by two goals to one.

We were now qualified to enter the Semi-Final and were drawn to play the boys of the King's Own Scottish Borderers at Bordon, and lined up as follows:—

Boys O'Brien (goal), Smith and Jones (backs), Trickett, Hillier and Johnson (half-backs), Chalmers, Leake, Kerwood, Fry and Penfold (forwards).

After a spirited game against a team of much bigger boys we were defeated by four goals to none. In all the games we invariably met a much bigger team, and it was a very creditable performance to have reached the Semi-Final.

The Company Cup was played off at the end of the season on the knock-out system, resulting in a victory for B Company, who defeated the M.G. Company by six goals to none in the Final.

On Badajoz Day we played off our Annual Six-a-Side Competition for the Badajoz Cup. This cup was won by No. 5 Platoon, B Company, who defeated No. 15 Platoon, M.G. Company, by one goal and one point to one goal.

In closing we must heartily congratulate Corpl. D. Allen and L.Sergt. W. McPhun on having been selected to play for the Army last season, and hope they will have the same good luck this season.

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Cricket

We do not think that anyone will look back on 1930 as a good cricket season. The weather was not of the best, and when it was fine we did not seem to have a match. The Battalion team seldom turned out at full strength, for Captain B. G. Allen, 2nd Lieut. K. Wilkinson and 2nd Lieut. G. R. G. Bird were away for most of the season. Still, there were a lot of keen Inter-Company matches, in addition to those played for the Cricket Shield.

As usual, we had plenty of bowlers and few batsmen. We have two, if not three, fast bowlers above the average regimental standard, but we wanted a medium-paced bowler who could "turn" the ball for the slow wickets which we have so often had this year. However, Corpl. Allen has turned into a reliable first-wicket batsman, and some of our bowlers show promise of being able to bat.

Results of Matches:—

	Battalion.	Opponents.	Results.
R.A.F. Manston	60	98	Lost.
Manchester Regt.	53	113	Lost.
Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders	175 for 7	50	Won.
Army School of Education.	215	34	Won.
5th Field Brigade, R.A.	62	94	Lost.
Royal Tank Corps, Lydd	70	86	Lost.
Gloucester Regiment	141	150	Lost.
Army School of Education.	129 for 8	114	Won.
Christ Church College, Oxford	79	106	Lost.
Century Cricket Club.	147 for 9	130 for 8	Drawn.
4/7th Dragoon Guards	72 for 4	78	Drawn.
Do.	105	162	Lost.

Played 12; Won 3; Lost 7; Drawn 2.

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Company Cricket Shield :—
Winners : A Company.
Runners-Up : C Company.

Weapon Training

Owing to an intensive programme of preliminary training the Battalion has been able to increase its average to over first class. Furthermore, that bugbear of classification, the third-class shot, has been almost entirely eliminated, there being only three in the whole Battalion.

The greatest thanks are due to Major T. E. H. Taylor, D.S.O., M.C., chief instructor of the N.C.O.'s Wing at the Small Arms School, Hythe, for his invaluable assistance.

Small Arms Meetings

Battalion Small Arms Meeting

With a view to selecting teams for Bisley, all practices fired in this Meeting were similar to the A.R.A. Central matches.

The Company Shield conditions were the same as for the A.R.A. Britannia Trophy, thus allowing M.G. Company and Headquarter Wing to compete.

The Lewis Gun Match was re-introduced.

Congratulations to the winners, who were :—

Open Championship : Captain J. D'A. Whicher.
Officers' Challenge Cup : Captain J. D'A. Whicher.
W.O.s' and Sergts.' Cup : Sergt. A. Ransford.
Corporals' Cup : Corpl. J. Ellis.
Privates' Cup : Pte. G. Till.
Young Soldiers' Cup : Pte. G. Boys.
Lewis Gun Match : Class " A " : Sergts. Redford, Sims. } C Company.
Class " B " : Pte. G. Herrod, Pte. G. Till. } H.Q. Wing.
Company Lewis Gun Challenge Cup : Headquarter Wing.
Young Soldiers' Match : Headquarter Wing.
Company Shield : Machine-Gun Company.

Garrison Rifle Meeting

Although taking all second places we were still unable to wrest more than one match from the Manchester Regiment.

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Congratulations are due to Ptes. G. Herrod and G. Till, Headquarter Wing, on winning the Lewis Gun Challenge Cup.

As we will have most of this year's team with us next year, we are hoping for more first places at the next meeting.

A.R.A. Matches

So that we could give increased help to our Bisley representatives we only competed in the Hopton Cup, and the Royal Irish Cup of the Non-Central Matches.

Last year B Company were third out of 123 entries. They were only 17 points behind the winners. They were also 10th in the Company shield out of 114 entries—an excellent performance, and we congratulate them. We are still children at Bisley, but we have made a footing there, winning 17 minor prizes.

We have every hope of increasing this in 1931, as we shall have very much the same team.

Fencing

The Battalion Fencing Competitions were held on the 13th and 14th February.

The following competitions took place :—

1. Open to N.C.O.'s in possession of the Army School of Physical Training Diploma.

Foil *v.* Foil.
Sabre *v.* Sabre.
Epee *v.* Epee.

There was a marked improvement on the previous year's fencing, some very keen and interest bouts being fought.

Results :—

Foil v. Foil : (1) L.Sergt. R. Blohm ; (2) Corpl. W. Griffiths ; (3) L.Corpl. J. Pascall and L.Corpl. B. Glover.

Sabre v. Sabre : (1) Corpl. W. Griffiths ; (2) L.Sergt. R. Blohm ; (3) L.Corpl. J. Pascall.

Epee v. Epee : (1) Corpl. W. Griffiths ; (2) Corpl. P. McMahon ; (3) L.Corpl. J. Pascall.

2. Open to Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.O.s and men not in possession of the Army School of Physical Training Diploma.

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Results :—

Foil v. Foil : (1) C.S.M. C. F. Nicklin ; (2) C.S.M. B. A. Maddock, D.C.M. ; (3) B.M. G. Smith, A.R.C.M.
Epee v. Epee : (1) C.S.M. C. F. Nicklin ; (2) B.M. G. Smith, A.R.C.M. ; (3) C.S.M. B. A. Maddock, D.C.M.
Regimental Champion, 1930 : Corpl. W. Griffiths.
Regimental Junior Champion, 1930 : C.S.M. C. F. Nicklin.

Eastern Command Bronze Medal Tournament

The following represented the Battalion in the individual competitions :—

Captain B. G. Allen, 2nd Lieut. G. R. G. Bird, C.S.M. C. F. Nicklin, L.Sergt. R. Blohm, Corpl. W. Griffiths, L.Corpl. J. Pascall.

All the Battalion representatives did well, reaching the final pools in most cases. Corporal W. Griffiths won the Other Ranks Epee *v.* Epee.

Royal Naval and Military Tournament
Inter-Services' Epee Championship
2nd, Corpl. W. Griffiths.

This was a very fine effort. All the best fencers in the three Services took part, and Corpl. Griffiths was only beaten by Sergt.-Major Instructor Wyatt after fighting off for 1st place. Corpl. Griffiths was awarded a certificate signed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Army Inter-Unit Fencing Championship

We were again beaten by the 2nd Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment after a very close fight. The 2nd Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment went on to win the Army Championship.

The following Officer, Warrant Officers and N.C.O.s were awarded Battalion Fencing Colours by the Commanding Officer :—

2nd Lieut. G. R. G. Bird, R.S.M. A. Stevenson, C.S.M. C. F. Nicklin, L.Sergt. R. Blohm, Corpl. W. Griffiths, L.Corpl. J. Pascall.

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Eastern Command Cross-country Run

This was held at Dover on Thursday, 6th March, 1930, over a fairly stiff seven and a half miles course, composed of a good deal of road.

The race was won by the 1st Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment, our team finishing twelfth.

We were unfortunate in that our two chief hopes were unable at the last minute to compete.

Regimental Individual Athletic Championship, 1930

The individual Sports were held on 23rd May, the following being the successful competitors :—

100 *Yards :* (1) 4966986 L.Corpl. H. Taylor, B Company (11⅖ Secs.) ; (2) 5229 Sergt. H. Hopkins, A Company ; (3) 6373 L.Sergt. R. Blohm, B Company.

220 *Yards :* (1) 4966986 L.Corpl. H. Taylor, B Company (25 Secs.) ; (2) 8676 Pte. A. Cook, M.G. Company ; (3) 5229 Sergt. H. Hopkins, B Company.

440 *Yards :* (1) 4966986 L.Corpl. H. Taylor, B Company ; (2) 5970 Sergt. A. Ransford, M.G. Company ; (3) 8676 Pte. A. Cook, M.G. Company.

880 *Yards :* (1) 4967212 L.Corpl. F. Woodhead, Left Flank (2 Mins. 16 Secs.) ; (2) 8098 L.Corpl. G. Shaw, C Company ; (3) 6545 L.Corpl. B. Clarke, Right Flank.

1 *Mile :* (1) 4967212 L.Corpl. F. Woodhead, Left Flank (5 Mins. 15 Secs.) ; (2) 6229 Sergt. W. Hickling, Left Flank ; (3) 7703 L.Corpl. J. Pascall, B Company.

3 *Miles :* (1) 4967212 L.Corpl. F. Woodhead, Left Flank (16 Mins. 44 Secs.) ; (2) 7462 Drm. A. Thompson, Left Flank ; (3) 4970968 Pte. H. Spray, C Company.

Throwing the Hammer : (1) 4966229 Sergt. W. Hickling, Left Flank (67 Ft. 9 Ins.) ; (2) 1495 R.S.M. A. Stevenson, Left Flank ; (3) 5970 Sergt. A. Ransford, M.G. Company.

Putting the Weight : (1) 4966934 Sergt. A. Stapleton, A Company (32 Ft. 5 Ins.) ; (2) 2nd Lieut. K. Wilkinson, A Company ; (3) 4968098 L.Corpl. G. Shaw, C Company.

Throwing the Discus : (1) 4970394 L.Corpl. J. Gilbert, B Company (85 Ft. 4 Ins.) ; (2) 4966394 Sergt. A. Stapleton, A Company ; (3) 6772 Pte. A. Heptinstall, B Company.

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Throwing the Javelin: (1) 4970394 L.Corpl. J. Gilbert, B Company; (2) 4966772 Pte. A. Heptinstall, B Company; (3) 4966934 Sergt. A. Stapleton, A Company.
Long Jump: (1) 4966166 L.Corpl. W. Poulson, C Company (19 Ft. 11½ Ins.)(Regtl. Record); (2) 7840 Bds. E. Fisher, Right Flank; (3) Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke, M.G. Company.
High Jump: (1) Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke, M.G. Company (5 Ft. ½ In.); (2) 4968514 Pte. W. Cordon, M.G. Company; (3) 6166 L.Corpl. W. Poulson, C Company.
Pole Jump: (1) 4967106 Pte. J. Smith, M.G. Company (9 Ft.) (Regtl. Record); (2) 6772 Pte. A. Heptinstall, B Company; (3) 4970562 L.Corpl. K. King, C Company.

L.Corpl. F. Woodhead and L.Corpl. H. Taylor tied for first place in the "Victor Ludorum" and both were awarded a Cup. This was L.Corpl. Woodhead's third in succession.

Inter-Company Athletic Meeting

This was due to be held on the 29th and 30th September, but had to be put off until the 1st October owing to very bad weather.

This change in date necessitated a curtailment of the programme, and the Meeting took place without any of the usual side-shows. The result was as under:—

1st, A Company. 124 Points. Winners of the Athletic Cup.
2nd, B Company. 120 Points.
3rd, Machine Gun Company. 110 Points.
4th, Left Flank. 104 Points.
5th, C Company. 91 Points.
6th, Right Flank. 33 Points.

Winners of the Tug-of-War Shield: A Company.

Mrs. Fenn kindly presented the prizes for the individual events on the day following this meeting.

Athletic Tests

The usual athletic tests were carried out during the early part of the year. The result was as under:—

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Headquarter Wing, 61·19 per cent.
B Company, 60·86 per cent.
C Company, 60·39 per cent.
Machine-Gun Company, 59·2 per cent.
A Company, 52·22 per cent.

Battalion Average, 59 per cent.

Transport

This year the Transport has undergone little change in animals and personnel, but has shown a marked change in the condition of animals and keenness in the men, which is entirely due to closer supervision and the untiring energy of the Transport Sergeant, who, we much regret to say, is leaving us in the near future for civilian life after about twenty-three years' service.

The Shorncliffe Garrison Horse Show this year was most successful from our point of view; we carried off most of the events open to the Infantry.

Class II. Officers' Chargers, Dismounted Units:—
1st, Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O., "Pat."
2nd, Major J. A. M. Lang, O.B.E., "Daisy."

These Officers rode their own chargers in this Class, and there were ten entries.

Class VIII. L.G.S. Turnout:—
1st, 1st Bn. The Sherwood Foresters.
2nd, 1st Bn. The Manchester Regiment.
3rd, 1st Bn. The Manchester Regiment.

It is the first time we have won this competition, beating our long-standing rivals, 1st Bn. The Manchester Regiment.

Captain Bowring (now of 9th Lancers) was 3rd in the Officers' Jumping Competition riding Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks' "Flirt."

On Divisional Concentration this year in Suffolk there were many complimentary remarks passed on our Transport and turnout by senior officers, and the following are extracts from remarks of some of the inspection officers this last year.

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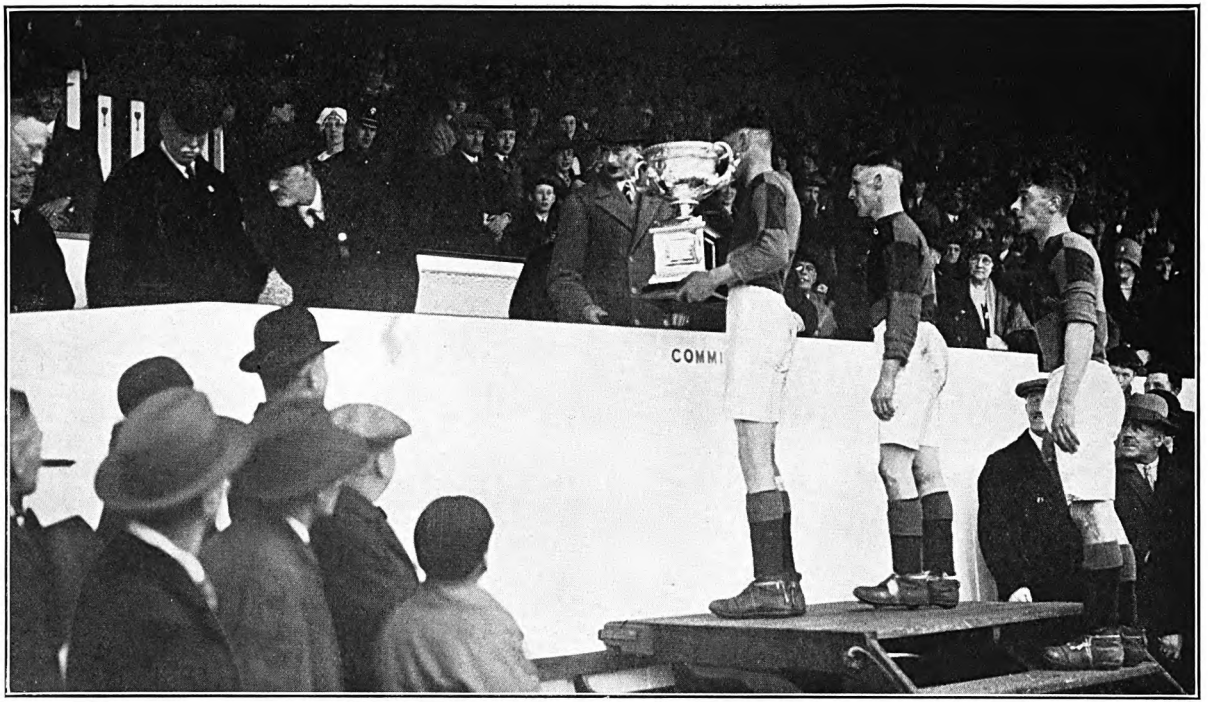

PRESENTATION OF THE ARMY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CUP BY H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER
21ST APRIL, 1930

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"A.D.V.S. 4TH DIVISION.

"All animals exceedingly well turned out, looking big and well.

"Everything points to the fact that real interest is taken in every animal.

"(Sd.) J. B. STAPLEY, Colonel,
"A.D.V.S."

The following was the report of the Brigade Commander on his annual inspection report :—

"Very satisfactory—a well-run stable, horses of a good stamp, well looked after and up to their work."

BOXING

In the 1929–30 Boxing Season, in order to stimulate boxing in the Battalion, it was decided to introduce a championship belt in each weight, to be fought for annually.

These belts bear the Regimental badge in silver, surmounted by a laurel wreath and medallions showing each year's winners.

The Regimental Champions for 1929–30 are :—

Weight.	Winner.
Bantam.	Dmr. Thompson (62).
Feather.	Corpl. P. McMahon.
Light.	Dmr. Thompson (37).
Welter.	Sergt. W. Hickling.
Middle.	2nd Lieut. G. R. G. Bird.
Light Heavy.	L.Corpl. K. G. King.
Heavy.	Sergt. F. Baker.

The season was opened with Platoon Novices' Competitions followed by Battalion Novices' Competitions. This latter was fought as an individual and team event. The team event was won by C Company, and the individual winners were as follows :—

Weight.	Winner.	Company.
Bantam.	Bdsm. Godney.	H.Q.
Feather.	Pte. Smith.	H.Q.
Light.	Corpl. Ellis.	C.
Welter.	Corpl. Griffiths.	A.
Middle.	Pte. Archer.	M.G.
Light Heavy.	L.Corpl. King.	C.
Heavy.	L.Corpl. Fritz.	C.

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The points scored were: C Company 21, A Company 16, M.G. Company 15, Right Flank 10, Left Flank 7, and B Company 7.

We were called upon to fight the 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders in the 1st Round of the Army Championships on 27th November, 1929.

The Battalion travelled to the match *en bloc* by charabanc to Dover, where the contest was fought. Some exciting contests were witnessed and The Foresters gained a comfortable victory of 25 points to 20.

The team were: 2nd Lieut. G. R. G. Bird, Sergt. Bradbury, Sergt. Baker, Sergt. Hickling, L.Sergt. de Carteret, Corpl. McMahon, Corpl. Griffiths, L.Corpl. Booth, L.Corpl. King, Dmr. Thompson (62), Dmr. Thompson (37), Pte. Chapman, Pte. Smith (06), Pte. Smith (70), and Pte. Archer.

In the Second Round we were drawn against our neighbours, the 1st Bn. The Manchester Regiment. The match created great interest in the garrison as the Manchesters were an old-established team with a great reputation.

They had as trainer the well-known ex-Lonsdale Belt Holder, Tancy Lee, whose training quickly manifested itself as the bouts progressed.

The Foresters were decisively defeated by 26 points to 19, after putting up a magnificent performance which called forth the warmest praise from the referee.

Hockey

During this season we have managed to play quite a number of Battalion matches and the 2nd Eleven have also completed a lengthy fixture list. We were very successful in our matches against the local civilian and Army elevens, but again failed in the First Round of the Army Cup.

This time we met the Queen's, who were the eventual runners-up, and gave them the closest game they had up to the Final.

The first game against them ended in a draw after we had been two goals down ten minutes before full time. Extra time was impossible because of the bad light, and in the replay we were beaten by a better team 3–1.

Very little Company hockey has been played this year

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owing to the numerical weakness of the Battalion and the prior claims of football. Right Flank was successful in the Inter-Company Cup, defeating Left Flank in the Final after extra time.

Despite the lack of Inter-Company games the standard of play in this Final was surprisingly high.

Bayonet Fencing

Bronze Medal Tournament

There is little to be said about Bayonet Fencing this year. We were beaten by the Royal Sussex in the First Round of the Bronze Medal Tournament, after a close match.

The older half of our team won most of their fights, and we had established quite a good lead, but in the Young Soldiers' Class our opponents were definitely better than we. Out of six combats between Young Soldiers, we won only one. Despite this, the result when the teams had fought was nine defeats each ; in the fight off between the team leaders, 2nd Lieut. Kelly was beaten by 3 points to 1.

The lesson to be learnt is that we must get hold of promising young soldiers as early in the winter as we can, and train them. The Young Soldiers in our team are not bad fencers, but they lack competition experience, and all of them suffered from "nerves."

With quite a good nucleus, however, we hope definitely to improve next year.

Nominal Roll of Officers on 8th October, 1930

Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O. Commanding.
Major A. A. Fenn, D.S.O. P.R.I.
,, J. A. M. Lang, O.B.E. O.C. H.Q. Wing.
,, R. R. Shawcross. O.C. C Company.
Captain W. A. Platt. O.C. A Company.
,, H. Carter. O.C. B Company.
,, B. G. Allen. A Company.
,, W. M. Robinson. O.C. M.G. Company.
,, R. V. L. Hutchings, M.C. H.Q. Wing.
,, M. H. Cooper. C Company.
,, A. Andrews, M.C. B Company.
,, S. Gregory. M.G. Company.

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Lieut. E. H. Collins. Adjutant.
,, T. M. Cuckson. Quartermaster.
,, C. Cockburn. B Company.
,, C. B. Fairbanks. Signal Officer.
,, R. H. N. Clarke. M.G. Company.
,, J. B. P. Sadler. Education Officer.
,, R. W. Jackson. Weapon Training Officer.
,, W. M. E. Denison. M.G. Company.
2nd Lieut. T. B. Elliott. M.G. Company.
,, ,, J. McCann. A Company.
,, ,, D. W. J. Candy. C Company.
,, ,, K. Wilkinson. A Company.
,, ,, D. H. Kelly. B Company.
,, ,, N. R. Waugh. C Company.

Courses of Instruction

Long Qualifying Courses, Hythe: Lieut. W. M. E. Denison, 28.2.30; 4966998 Sergt. H. Goodliff (distinguished), 28.3.30; 4967882 L.Sergt. T. Troth, 13.6.30.

Machine Gun, Netheravon: 4966990 L.Sergt. H. Jukes, 27.9.29; 4968399 Corpl. J. Pattilla, 8.8.30; Lieut. R. H. N. Clarke, 14.8.30; 4966998 Sergt. H. Goodliff, 10.10.30; 4968255 L.Corpl. McNeil, 10.10.30.

Water Duties, Aldershot: 4968258 Pte. R. Dick, 22.10.29; 4969877 Pte. A. Raynor, 14.10.29; 4970536 Pte. R. Sherwood, 28.10.29; 4967766 Pte. H. Martin, 13.10.29; 4971002 Pte. T. Rowley, 8.10.30.

Sanitary Duties, Aldershot: 4969443 Pte. F. Bishop, 22.12.28; 4967696 Corpl. J. Ellis, 26.1.29; 4960313 Pte. G. Moore, 25.1.30; 4970097 Pte. C. Wynne, 22.2.30; 4970614 Pte. C. Blackamore, 22.2.30.

Physical Training, Aldershot: 4970116 L.Corpl. J. Selby, 1.8.29; 4970562 L.Corpl. K. King, 10.4.30; 4970422 L.Corpl. P. Booth, 31.7.30.

Company Cooks, Aldershot: 4970278 Pte. S. Cox, 20.12.29; 1073876 Pte. C. Allen, 15.8.30.

Animal Management, Aldershot: 4969886 L.Corpl. J. Kilcline, 12.4.30.

Gas, Porton: 4965510 L.Sergt. S. Flude, 12.7.29; 7580867 Sergt. J. Lee, 21.12.29; 4966387 Sergt. F. Hallam, 26.2.30;

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4966956 L.Sergt. F. Cappendale, 29.3.30; 4966998 Sergt. H. Goodliff, 16.7.30.

School of Music, Knellar Hall: 4968500 L.Corpl. G. Neale, 26.5.30.

Butchery Duties, Aldershot: 4963492 Pte. W. Turner, 9.12.29.

Farriery, Aldershot: 4969289 Pte. A. Buckley, 21.1.30; 4969475 Pte. E. Allen, 7.8.30.

Fencing, Aldershot: 4966582 L.Sergt. P. Joynes, 1.8.29; 4966166 L.Corpl. W. Poulson, 1.8.29; 4967703 L.Corpl. J. Pascall, 19.12.29; 4966934 Sergt. A. Stapleton, 10.4.30; 4969727 L.Corpl. B. Glover, 19.12.29; 770727 Corpl. R. Ash, 10.4.30.

Signalling, Catterick: Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks (special), 25.7.30.

Fire Fighting, Aldershot: 4967180 L.Corpl. B. Marriott, 16.1.30.

Education, Shorncliffe: Lieut. W. M. E. Denison, 15.6.29; Lieut. R. E. Tufnell, 24.8.29; 4962180 Sergt. A. Hart (distinguished), 27.9.29; Lieut. J. B. P. Sadler, 28.9.29; Captain M. H. Cooper, 29.3.30; Lieut. C. Cockburn, 29.3.30; 7580867 Sergt. J. Lee (distinguished), 13.6.30.

BIRTHS

4906624 Pte. W. Archer, a son, Arthur; 4965510 L.Sergt. S. Flude, a daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth, a son, Sydney Walter; 4961793 Sergt. W. Millward, a son, Neville; 4967462 Drm. A. Thompson, a son, George Albert Henry; 4967724 Corpl. G. Unwin, a son, George Anthony; 4967913 L.Corpl. S. Smith, a daughter, Neta May; 4966385 Sergt. J. Sims, a son, William James Ernest; 4966389 Pte. C. Waters, a son, David Roy; 4967971 L.Corpl. J. Laud, a son, William John; 4962134 L.Sergt. G. Woodhall, a daughter, Jean Margaret; 6908339 L.Corpl. L. Jackson, a son, Leonard Douglas; 4967177 Bds. R. Homer, a son, Roland Robert; 4967226 Pte. A. Hill, a son, Raymond George; 4966229 Sergt. J. Hickling, a son, Kenneth William; 4968257 Drm. J. Bigley, a son, Richard Stanley; 6191059 Pte. W. Reynolds, a son, Henry Stewart; 4966343 Corpl. H. Allen, a son, John Raymond; 4961595 Pte. J. Naden, a son, James Richard Ernest; 4968521 Pte. W. Brown, a son, William Arthur; 4793226 D. M. F. Emer-

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son, a son, Leslie Joseph; 3966457 Sergt. J. Miller, a son, John George.

MARRIAGES

4909384 Pte. S. Walton (Elham) to Miss Cattell; 4964692 Corpl. J. Shepperson (Hythe) to Miss Roberts; 4967913 L.Corpl. S. Smith (Derby) to Miss Jeffrey; 4967132 Pte. G. Dunn (Basford) to Miss Shaw; 4966956 L.Sergt. F. Cappendale (Londonderry) to Miss Taylor; 4961678 Sergt. J. Drury, M.M. (Nottingham) to Miss Nudd; 4966393 L.Sergt. A. Whittle (Derby) to Miss Ottewell; 4966385 Sergt. J. Sims (Folkestone) to Miss Clarke; 4967712 L.Sergt. W. Perrett (Whitwell) to Miss Potts; 4965655 Pte. A. Mellor (Nottingham) to Miss Ingers; 4966373 L.Sergt. R. Blohm (Elham) to Miss Callacott; 4968123 Corpl. J. Sturgess (Hartlepool) to Miss Gofton; 4117673 Corpl. T. R. Jones (Sandgate) to Miss Wollacott; 4966364 Pte. G. List (Elham) to Miss Pullen; 4965892 Corpl. A. Dunn (Derby) to Miss Scarborough; 4969443 Pte. F. Bishop (Clowne) to Miss Tunnicliffe; 4970394 L.Corpl. J. Gilbert (Wales, Yorks) to Miss Staniland; 4965334 C.Q.M.S. B. Storrs (Londonderry) to Miss Cash; 4968722 L.Corpl. G. Martin (Folkestone) to Miss Clifton.

DEATHS

6905665 Sergt. J. Harrison, wife, Florrie, 24.9.29, from phthisis; 4969804 Pte. A. Tinsley, 23.8.30, from hyperpyrexia.

THE NEW REGIMENTAL HISTORY

With the cordial approval of the late Colonel of the Regiment, five copies of the new Regimental History were made available for presentation to "the most efficient and promising young soldier" in each of the five companies of the Battalion. These volumes were signed by Colonel Wylly, the author, and presented by him to the recipients after the Trooping of the Colour Parade on Badajoz Day.

These Histories were awarded to the following:—

Headquarter Wing: 4970770 Pte. J. Smith.
"A" Company: 4970680 Pte. R. Bates.
"B" Company: 4969133 L.Corpl. D. Allen.
"C" Company: 4970562 L.Corpl. K. King.
Machine-Gun Company: 4968693 Pte. N. Chapman.

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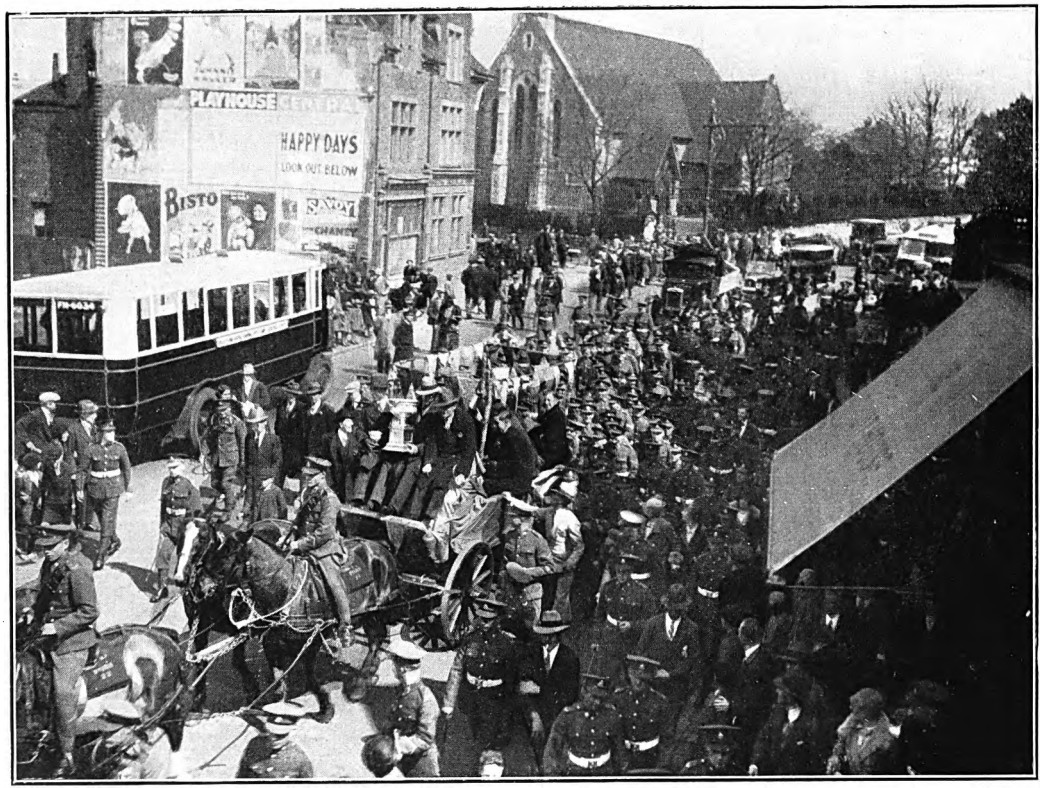
[*Halksworth Wheeler*



FINAL OF THE ARMY CUP—RETURN OF THE TEAM, CHERITON STATION

22ND APRIL, 1930

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THE REGIMENTAL ANNUAL

THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS

In issuing, for the first time since the Annual was started in 1909, a statement of accounts for the last two years, the Management begs to inform all interested that this procedure has been adopted at the suggestion of the Manager of Lloyd's Bank, Messrs. Cox & Co.'s Branch, and approved by the late Colonel of the Regiment, who decided, as proposed by the Bank authorities, that "in future instead of being conducted on the sole responsibility of Colonel H. C. Wylly, a Committee, consisting of the Colonel of the Regiment, Brig.-General J. W. G. Roy, Colonel H. C. Wylly, and the O.C. Depot, will be responsible for the production and finances of the Annual. Colonel Wylly to continue to act as Editor and to manage the account as hitherto, the Committee being summoned as required to act in an emergency only."

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

1928 ACCOUNT

Dr. RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1927 Account	41	12	2
Subscriptions of Officers	44	0	6
Regular Battalions	394	17	3
Territorial Battalions and Regimental Depot	94	15	11
Old Comrades' Association	20	0	9
Miscellaneous	1	8	2
	£596	14	9

Cr. PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Publisher	398	18	8
Illustration Blocks	53	3	9
Research	19	10	2
Typing	10	7	11
Carriage, Postage, etc.	17	19	9
Grant to Depot	7	17	0
Miscellaneous		5	1
Balance to 1929 Account	88	12	5
	£596	14	9

1929 ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1928 Account	88	12	5
Subscriptions of Officers	44	15	0
Regular Battalions	259	15	2
Territorial Battalions and Regimental Depot	99	0	4
Miscellaneous Receipts	1	8	4
	£493	11	3

	£	s.	d.
Publisher	314	6	8
Illustration Blocks	38	15	4
Research	3	8	9
Carriage and Postage	18	2	9
Old Comrades' Association for Carriage and Postage	2	12	6
Miscellaneous	0	15	0
Balance to 1930 Account	115	10	3
	£493	11	3

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III

2ND BATTALION NOTES

IN the Notes in last year's issue of the *Annual* it was stated that the year under review had been very peaceful and everything had gone "according to plan." The same can hardly be said for the period now under consideration. The disturbed condition of India has had its effect upon this Battalion and its pursuits, as it has had upon every other in the country.

Repeated occasions upon which it was necessary for parties of varying strength to "Stand to," occupation of important buildings in Karachi, and the sudden move of a Company to Sukkur to keep order and restore confidence during communal trouble, all seriously interrupted the normal sequence of training both in work and play.

During the tour of the Battalion abroad we have been fortunate in having been allotted good stations, so it is with a feeling that after all we cannot expect always to be lucky that we approach our impending move to Multan. From descriptions received it does not appear to be a very desirable spot, and it will undoubtedly be an unpleasant change after Karachi. However, stations are usually what we make them, so it is up to each one of us to look upon the bright side.

Mention must here be made of the change in Commanding Officers which took place in February, 1930. Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Hart, D.S.O., on completion of his tenure of command was placed on the Half-Pay List on the 26th February, and was succeeded by Major (Bt. Lieut.-Colonel) C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., who was accordingly promoted lieut-colonel. In welcoming Colonel Dumbell it is not as a stranger, but as one who has served in this Battalion during its present tour of foreign service, in Egypt and Cyprus, in which latter place he was in command of the detachment at Famagusta for some

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months, and we hope that during his period of command his duties will prove to be of a pleasant nature.

Since June, 1929, C, A, and B Companies have taken over the duty of providing the detachment at Hyderabad (Sind), A Company having done so twice. During June and July B Company experienced some extremely hot weather there, and this may be also said of the other companies in Karachi where, as seems to happen in every station that one goes to, the pundits declared that the temperature and the amount of rainfall surpassed all previous records for fifteen years at least.

On conclusion of musketry for 1929–30, C Company gained first place by the narrowest of margins, A occupying second place. The programme for this year is similar to that carried out last year, i.e. two rifle companies firing in Hyderabad and the remainder firing in Karachi.

All companies in turn proceeded to Mangho Pir for company training, and later the Battalion went there for battalion and brigade training. The weather was, on the whole, ideal for the hard training that was carried out, and this factor was particularly welcome during the strenuous period spent on a brigade exercise lasting three days and two nights.

On the 16th of November the Commander-in-Chief in India, Field-Marshal Sir William R. Birdwood, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., C.I.E., D.S.O., inspected the Battalion on parade and expressed his pleasure at the turnout and bearing of all ranks.

Guards-of-Honour under the command of Captain W. A. Platt were found for H.E. the Governor of Bombay on the 20th and 22nd of November on the occasion of his arrival at Karachi, and the opening of the Law Courts.

On the 8th of March, General Sir Charles H. Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., A.D.C., G.O.C.-in-C. Western Command inspected the Battalion on parade, and expressed his surprise and pleasure at the number of "veterans" of Chanak days who were still present with the Battalion.

"Derby XIV" died at Karachi on April the 22nd, having been failing for some time. "Derby XV," presented as was his predecessor by Lieut.-Colonel H.H. The Maharao Sir Umed Singh Bahadur, G.C.S.I., C.G.I.E., G.C.B., of Kotah, succeeded

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him, and now leads the Battalion on parade. He is of a frisky nature, but shows great affection for the Ram Orderly, under whose careful supervision he lives and whom he follows about barracks like a shadow.

Close upon the conclusion of these Notes comes the news of the death of the beloved Colonel of the Regiment. It seems hardly within our province or our capability satisfactorily to express what such a loss means to us all. A full appreciation of his services to the Regiment, the Army and the Country, will be found elsewhere in this issue. Suffice it to say that every Officer, Warrant Officer, N.C.O. and Man feels that by his death they lose a friend, the summit of whose desire was their welfare and happiness, and one who counted no effort too great which had for its object the glory of the Regiment.

Polo

Except for short periods, when play has been impossible owing to rain, polo has been played regularly by several members of the Regiment throughout the year. The paucity of players among the civil population of Karachi makes polo greatly dependent upon the number of military players who turn out. It is with satisfaction therefore that we can say that polo has not failed through lack of interest in the Regiment, as the following played during the year: Major J. E. H. Maxwell, M.C., Major J. H. M. Douglas, M.C., Captain G. M. Gamble, Lieut. H. G. Fowler, Lieut. R. D. Iggulden, 2nd Lieut. A. C. Weldon, Lieut. G. S. Wilmot-Sitwell, 2nd Lieut. R. H. S. Popham, 2nd Lieut. J. E. Orton, Lieut. H. W. H. Houghton, Lieut. R. C. B. Buck, and Lieut. C. C. Morrison.

The five officers who went home on leave this hot weather were all polo players, so their absence was rather seriously felt in a station where there are not a very large number of players from whom to draw. However, we hope that upon their return to duty they will prove to be enthusiastic supporters of the game in Multan, and that we shall be able to find a team sufficiently strong to justify our entering once more for the Infantry Polo Tournament. Our move into the Punjab brings us within reasonable distance of the usual

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venues of the Tournament, so it is hoped that when the counter-attractions of Karachi are withdrawn, polo enthusiasm will ensure the building up of a team honourably to represent us in the "Infantry," the Final of which, it should be remembered, we reached only a year or two ago.

The provision of suitable ponies at a "suitable" price is, of course, the difficulty to be contended with, but if players will only be prepared to put in plenty of hard work in schooling them (and themselves), young ones can easily be bought for very reasonable sums, and quickly turned into mounts quite good enough for the object in view.

The disturbed condition of this country at present is not such as to induce one to lay out a lot of money in ponies; and it is considered that until the future is a little more certain, players, no matter how enthusiastic they may be, feel that the provision of the essential chargers (polo ponies) should be the limit of their liabilities.

DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS ON 31ST AUGUST, 1930

Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O. Commander Sind (Ind.) Bde. Area, Karachi.
Major R. B. Tower, M.C. Commanding.
Major J. E. H. Maxwell, M.C. Leave in U.K.
Captain J. P. Wylie, D.S.O. O.C. D (M.G.) Company, Karachi.
Captain J. D'A. Whicher. Posted, not joined.
Captain G. M. Gamble. A.Adjutant, Karachi.
Captain J. E. Wright, O.C. C Company, Karachi.
Captain J. W. Turner, M.C. Headquarter Wing, Karachi.
Captain R. O. Nevitt. D (M.G.) Company, Karachi.
Captain C. R. T. Wilmot. O.C. B Company, Karachi.
Lieut. R. E. H. Stott. O.C. A Company, Hyderabad (Sind).
Lieut. H. G. Fowler. Leave in U.K.
Lieut. R. F. Bernal. D (M.G.) Company, Karachi.
Lieut. H. W. H. Houghton. B Company, Karachi.
Lieut. E. M. Bastyan. Headquarter Wing, Karachi.
Lieut. H. F. Meynell. A.D.C. to G.O.C. Deccan District.
Lieut. R. C. B. Buck. Headquarter Wing, Karachi.
Lieut. C. C. Morrison. A Company, Hyderabad (Sind).
Lieut. J. L. W. Unwin. Intelligence Course, Quetta.

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Lieut. R. D. Iggulden. Leave in U.K.
Lieut. G. S. Wilmot-Sitwell. Leave in U.K.
2nd Lieut. A. C. Weldon. Leave in U.K.
2nd Lieut. J. E. Orton. Leave in India.
2nd Lieut. R. H. S. Popham. D (M.G.) Company, Karachi.
Lieut. Qr.Mr. W. H. Barber. Posted, not joined.
2nd Lieut. J. H. S. Watts (U.L.I.A.). A Company, Hyderabad (Sind).
2nd Lieut. V. W. Harris (U.L.I.A.). B Company, Karachi.
2nd Lieut. M. S. Browne (U.L.I.A.). C Company, Karachi.

OFFICERS—CHANGES, ETC.

Lieut. J. St. J. Balguy seconded for service as Adjutant, Auxiliary Forces, India, 9.2.29.

2nd Lieut. C. C. Morrison promoted Lieutenant 30.8.29.

Lieut. E. G. B. Proctor appointed officiating Staff Captain (A.E.S.O.), Bombay, 19.10.29.

Captain R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., appointed Adjutant, 6th (T.A.) Bn., The Sherwood Foresters, 1.11.29.

Captain J. W. Turner, M.C., disembarked at Karachi, 20.11.29, on rejoining from leave in U.K.

Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Hart, D.S.O., embarked at Karachi in H.T. *Somersetshire*, 19.12.29, on proceeding to the U.K. on leave pending half-pay.

Lieut. N. H. Thompson embarked at Karachi in H.T. *Somersetshire*, 19.12.29, for U.K., for posting to No. 2 Flying Training School, R.A.F.

Lieut. E. G. B. Proctor confirmed in appointment of Staff Captain (A.E.S.O.), Bombay, 26.10.29.

Captain R. J. Wilkins appointed Staff Captain, Sind (L.) Brigade Area, Karachi, 11.12.29.

Captain N. A. McD. Walker posted to the Regimental Depot, Derby, for a tour of duty, 19.1.30.

Captain J. E. Wright, Lieuts. R. C. B. Buck and J. L. W. Unwin disembarked at Karachi *ex* H.T. *Dorsetshire*, 31.1.30, on being posted to the Battalion.

Lieut. N. H. Thompson posted to No. 2 Flying Training School, R.A.F., Digby, 14.1.30.

Captain G. M. Gamble disembarked at Karachi, 8.2.30,

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and attached to the Battalion pending posting to either Battalion.

Captain C. R. T. Wilmot disembarked at Karachi, 22.2.30, on rejoining from leave in U.K.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Colonel) C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., disembarked at Karachi, 5.3.30, on being posted to the Battalion.

Major J. E. H. Maxwell, M.C., Lieut. H. G. Fowler, 2nd Lieuts. R. D. Iggulden, G. S. Wilmot-Sitwell, and A. C. Weldon embarked at Karachi, 11.3.30, on proceeding to the U.K. on leave.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Colonel) C. H. Dumbell, D.S.O., promoted Lieut.-Colonel, 26.2.30.

Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Hart, D.S.O., on completion of his period of service in command is placed on the Half-Pay List, 26.2.30.

2nd Lieuts. R. D. Iggulden and G. S. Wilmot-Sitwell promoted Lieutenants, 29.1.30.

Captain W. A. Platt embarked at Karachi, 27.3.30, for U.K. on being posted to the 1st Battalion.

Captain R. O. Nevitt disembarked at Karachi, 30.3.30, on being posted to the Battalion.

Lieut. Qr.Mr. J. W. Noble placed on the Half-Pay List on account of ill-health, 20.3.30.

Lieut. Qr.Mr. W. H. Barber posted to the Battalion, 23.5.30.

Major J. H. M. Douglas, M.C., retires on retired pay, 1.8.30.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

4964353 L.Corpl. A. Buxton, a son, Desmond, born at Karachi, 7.9.29; 4962449 Pte. W. Spencer, a son, William, born at Karachi, 14.10.29; 4795877 L.Corpl. J. Barley, a son, James William, born at Karachi, 27.10.29; 4962342 C.Q.M.S. H. Jenks, a son, Nigel Henry Peter, born at Karachi, 6.11.29; 4965283 Sergt. A. Ingram, a daughter, Maud Emily, born at Hyderabad (Sind), 16.11.29; 4966138 L.Corpl. A. Nicholls, a daughter, Eileen, born at Karachi, 26.11.29; 4962025 C.S.M. S. Wright, a daughter, Muriel Norah, born at Karachi, 6.12.29; 12460 L.Sergt. W. Green, a daughter, Audrey May, born at Karachi, 26.7.30.

4962483 Sergt. J. Cunningham married Mary Percival

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Gadsby at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Karachi, 5.3.30; 4967096 Sergt. H. Bevan married Doris Annie Attwood at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Karachi, 5.3.30; 5330402 Sergt. A. Neville married Ethel Constance Thompson at Christ Church, Kasauli, 18.3.30; 4262223 L.Corpl. J. Heywood married Dorothy Crane at Holy Trinity Church, Karachi, 3.7.30; 4966969 L.Corpl. W. Porter married Eileen Mary Blackwell at Holy Trinity Church, Karachi, 4.8.30.

4968294 Pte. B. Whitchurch died at Hyderabad (Sind), 10.5.30; 4970462 Pte. L. Slack died at Karachi, 23.6.30; 4969911 Pte. H. Lawrence died at Karachi, 16.8.30.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

4967153	L.Corpl.	D. Tyler	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., 1.10.29
4968681	,,	E. Ellison	,, ,, ,, 5.10.29
7807328	L.Sergt.	G. Hind	Promoted Sergt., 7.7.29
4968093	Corpl.	A. Pilbean	Apptd. Pd. L.Sergt., ,,
4967372	L.Corpl.	A. Birtwistle	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4966391	,,	F. Black	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4967755	,,	E. Selby	,, ,, ,, 9.11.29
4969106	,,	E. Bush	,, ,, ,, ,,
4909438	,,	J. Evans	,, ,, ,, ,,
4968587	,,	W. Washington	,, ,, ,, ,,
4967904	,,	L. Llewellyn	,, ,, ,, ,,
4967396	,,	P. Kelecher	,, ,, ,, ,,
4965994	L.Sergt.	H. Hunt	Promoted Sergt., 2.11.29
4964674	Corpl.	L. Howard	Apptd. Pd. L.Sergt., ,,
4962126	L.Corpl.	E. Brobson	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4966352	,,	J. Tyson	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4969214	,,	C. Gosling	,, ,, ,, 18.12.29
4965931	,,	T. Bland	,, ,, ,, ,,
4968515	,,	S. Barber	Promoted Corpl., 30.11.29
4968586	,,	H. Birchall	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4968558	,,	G. Sandall	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4965935	,,	H. Hough	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4964624	,,	C. Staley	,, ,, ,, 24.12.29
4963643	L.Sergt.	S. Walton	Promoted Sergt. 10.12.29
4965620	Corpl.	T. Pargin	Apptd. Pd. L.Sergt., ,,
4853392	L.Corpl.	A. Taylor	Promoted Corpl., ,,

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4969758	Sergt.	W. Pratt	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., 10.12.29
4961698	,,	F. Howard	Prom. Clr.-Sergt. and Apptd. C.Q.M.S., 14.12.29
4967096	L.Sergt.	H. Bevan	Promoted Sergt., ,,
4966097	Corpl.	H. Jones	Apptd. Pd. L.Sergt., ,,
4795877	L.Corpl.	W. Barley	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4964578	,,	F. Simmons	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4964577	,,	R. Wood	Promoted Corpl., 2.1.30
4967224	,,	J. Saville	,, ,, 10.1.30
4967704	,,	T. Rowley	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
469778	L.Sergt.	A. Coxon	Promoted Sergt., ,,
4964038	Corpl.	W. Plant	Apptd. Pd. L.Sergt., ,,
4909309	L.Corpl.	F. Dent	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4966964	,,	C. Reaney	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4968093	L.Sergt.	A. Pilbean	Promoted Sergt., ,,
6745468	Corpl.	J. Green	Apptd. Pd. L.Sergt. ,,
4967674	L.Corpl.	L. Rockley	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4969246	,,	C. Cawkwell	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4967678	,,	W. Edwards	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4969759	,,	J. Hilton	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4969291	,,	G. Atkin	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4969718	,,	S. Munns	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4963453	,,	A. Buxton	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4970431	,,	S. Rowbotham	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4963451	Corpl.	J. East	Apptd. Pd. L.Sergt., 28.1.30
4966488	L.Corpl.	F. Smith	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4966996	,,	B. Gilling	,, ,, ,, ,,
4966565	,,	A. Warren	,, ,, ,, ,,
4967669	,,	J. Jukes	,, ,, ,, 20.2.30
4968720	,,	C. Keyworth	,, ,, ,, ,,
4969609	,,	J. Kelly	,, ,, ,, 10.3.30
4964674	L.Sergt.	L. Howard	Promoted Sergt., 20.2.30
12460	Corpl.	W. Green	Apptd. Pd. L.Sergt., ,,
4967912	L.Corpl.	G. Neal	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4967090	,,	T. Hayward	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,
4965620	L.Sergt.	T. Pargin	Promoted Sergt., ,,
4968103	Corpl.	H. Norkett	Apptd. Pd. L.Sergt., ,,
4851022	L.Corpl.	S. Weston	Promoted Corpl., ,,
4967064	,,	J. Adkin	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl., ,,

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4967849	L.-Corpl.	G. Nock	Promoted Corpl.,	20.2.30
4968326	,,	J. Bainbridge	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl.,	,,
4966479	,,	C. Peat	Promoted Corpl.,	,,
4968681	,,	E. Ellison	,, ,,	,,
4967701	,,	G. Wilcox	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl.,	,,
4967755	,,	E. Selby	Promoted Corpl.,	,,
4439357	,,	A. Williams	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl.,	,,
4969609	,,	J. Kelly	Promoted Corpl.,	,,
4967087	,,	W. Day	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl.,	,,
4968781	,,	F. Brown	Promoted Corpl.,	,,
4967849	Corpl.	G. Nock	Apptd. Orderly Room Corpl.,	15.3.30
4967970	L.Corpl.	W. Griggs	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl.,	3.4.30
4969134	,,	E. Kettell	,, ,, ,,	26.5.30
4966391	,,	F. Black	Promoted Corpl.,	21.7.30
4965373	,,	W. Yates	Apptd. Pd. L. Corpl.,	,,
4968297	,,	W. McGill	Promoted Corpl.,	21.8.30
4968253	,,	T. Ferry	Apptd. Pd. L.Corpl.,	,,

Courses of Instruction

Lieut. H. W. H. Houghton attended the 3rd Short Course at the Army School of Education, Belgaum (Special Wing), 8.8.29 to 27.8.29, and obtained "Distinguished" Certificate; 4967671 Pte. J. Ledger attended the B.O.R.'s Course at the Army School of Cookery, Poona, from 19.8.29 to 28.9.29, and passed; 4967849 L.Corpl. G. Nock, 4966391 L.Corpl. F. Black, 4969216 Pte. W. Wood passed a Trade Test for Clerks, Group "C," Class III(b), at Karachi, 18.10.29; 4967709 Pte. G. Bailey attended the 6th Course at the Army School of Cookery, Poona, from 28.10.29 to 7.12.29, and awarded "Very Good" Certificate; 4444273 Pte. T. Shields attended the 6th Course at the Army School of Cookery, Poona, from 28.10.29 to 7.12.29, and awarded "Good" Certificate; 4962319 Sergt. A. Woodward attended the 3rd N.C.O.'s Course at the Small Arms School, Pachmarhi, from 21.9.29 to 7.12.29, and Qualified; 4966970 Pte. N. Morton passed a Trade Test for Clerks, Group "C," Class II, at Karachi, 6.12.29; 4968706 Pte. T. Goodwin attended the 6th Course at the Army Veterinary School, Poona, from

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10.11.29 to 17.12.29 and passed; 4969305 Pte. W. Dibble attended a Course of Instruction as an Assistant Armourer at Quetta Arsenal from 1.7.29 to 23.12.29 and awarded "Very Good" Certificate; 4968671 Ptes. B. Mason, 760686 W. Butler, 4966165 W. Burl and 768433 A. Greaves qualified as Regimental Nursing Orderlies at Karachi, 21.12.29; 4967207 Pte. B. Large attended the 1st B.O.R.'s Course at the Army School of Cookery, Poona, from 6.1.30 to 15.2.30, and obtained "Very Good" Certificate; 4968675 Pte. J. Barker attended the 1st B.O.R.'s Course at the Army Veterinary School, Poona, from 4.2.30 to 15.3.30, and passed; 4962117 Sergt. A. Thurlby attended the 1st N.C.O.'s Course at the Small Arms School, Pachmarhi, from 4.1.30 to 22.3.30, and Qualified; 6745468 L.Sergt. J. Green attended the 1st Qualifying Course at the Small Arms School, Ahmednagar, from 11.1.30 to 22.3.30, and Qualified; 2nd Lieut. R. H. S. Popham attended the 1st Qualifying Course at the Small Arms School, Ahmednagar, from 11.1.30 to 22.3.30, and Qualified; Lieut. C. C. Morrison attended the 2nd British Short Course at the Army School of P.T., Ambala, from 17.2.30 to 29.3.30, and awarded 2nd Class Certificate; 4969106 L.Corpl. E. Bush attended the 2nd British Short Course at the Army School of P.T., Ambala, from 17.2.30 to 29.3.30 and awarded 2nd Class Certificate; 4969215 Pte. F. Tombs attended the 2nd British Cook's Course at the Army School of Cookery, Poona, from 3.3.30 to 12.4.30, and awarded "Good" Certificate; 4969756 Pte. E. Ward attended the 2nd British Cook's Course at the Army School of Cookery, Poona, from 3.3.30 to 12.4.30, and passed; 4968093 Sergt. A. Pilbean attended the Sergeant Master-Cooks' Course at the Army School of Cookery, Poona, from 6.1.30 to 12.4.30, and obtained Certificate; 4969718 L.Corpl. S. Munns passed a Trade Test for Clerks, Group "C," Class III(b), at Karachi, 26.4.30; 2nd Lieut. J. E. Orton attended the Course at the Small Arms School, Pachmarhi, from 23.4.30 to 7.6.30, and Qualified; Lieut. R. C. B. Buck attended the 2nd Short Course at the Army School of Education, Belgaum (Special Wing), from 22.4.30 to 9.5.30, and Qualified; 4967778 Sergt. A. Coxon and 4963643 Sergt. S. Walton attended the 2nd N.C.O.'s Course at the Small Arms School, Pachmarhi, from

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5.4.30 to 21.6.30, and Qualified; 4968072 L.Corpl. D. Lyons attended the British Qualifying Course at the Army School of P.T., Kasauli, from 12.4.30 to 5.7.30, and awarded 2nd Class Certificate; 4964674 Sergt. L. Howard attended the 2nd N.C.O.'s course at the Army School of Education, Belgaum, from 18.4.30 to 16.7.30, and passed; 5878724 Pte. A. Henly passed a Trade Test for Clerks, Group "C," Class I, at Naini Tal, 9.7.30; 4968374 Corpl. J. Parsons attended the B.O.R.'s Course at the Army Veterinary School, Poona, from 17.6.30 to 26.7.30, and passed.

Honours and Awards

4961633 C.S.M. G. W. Hunt, D.C.M., and 4961590 Pte. T. Smith awarded the Silver Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, October, 1929.

First Class Certificates of Education

4965750 Sergt. J. Grey, 4968527 Bdsm. D. Lewin, 4969129 Pte. W. Kay, awarded 1st Class Certificates of Education, 9.10.29.

4966970 Pte. N. Morton, 4967849 Corpl. (O.R.C.) G. Nock, 5876025 Pte. F. Knight, awarded 1st Class Certificates of Education, 19.3.30.

Transfers—Other Ranks

5045405 Pte. W. Collins and 765415 Pte. A. Smith transferred from 1st Bn. The North Staffordshire Regt., 1.4.30.

4965405 Sergt. C. Seston seconded to the Small Arms School, Pachmarhi, as Sergt.-Instructor, 7.7.29.

4965307 Pte. A. Clarke promoted Sergt. in the I.C.C. and transferred to Supernumerary Strength, 28.2.30.

4964233 Pte. W. Swift promoted Sergt. in the I.C.C. and taken on the Supernumerary Strength, 31.3.30.

5044628 Pte. H. Malton transferred from 1st Bn. The North Staffordshire Regt., 1.9.30.

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"Alma Day" Sports, 1929

It was decided that in 1930 the Sports should be brought more into line with the Regimental Sports held at home, which now include Throwing the Javelin, Discus, and Hammer, and the Pole Jump. As a start the latter are being introduced this year as "individual" events. In consequence most of the lighter events, such as Hockey and Football Dribbling races, were cut out of the programme, and Putting the Weight and 220 Yards Relay were introduced. A Three Miles Track Race replaced the Cross-Country. A Company's Team must be congratulated on the excellent performance they put up in this race, also on the way they showed how a team race ought to be run.

The Sports were held on the 19th and 20th September. A great number of guests attended on the final day and were entertained to tea on the ground, to the accompaniment of the Pipes of the 10th Battalion, 10th Baluch Regiment.

Mrs. Hart very kindly gave away the prizes at the end of the meeting.

RESULTS

Tug-of-War, 1st Round :—
C Company *v.* D (M.G.) Company. 2—0.
Putting the Weight :—
A Company. Corpl. Chapman. 30 ft.
Long Jump :—
A Company. Sergt. Old. 19 ft. 4 ins.
Indian Platoon Race :—
1st, Sepoy Ram Singh. 2nd, Havildar Ram Singh.
Tug-of-War, Semi-Finals :—
A Company *v.* B Company. 0—2. C Company *v.* H.Q. Wing. 0—2.
High Jump :—
H.Q. Wing. Pte. Wood. 5 ft. 2 in.
Three Miles Team Race :—
A Company. Pte. Smith. 17 min. 3 sec.

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FINAL DAY

100 *Yards Relay Race* :—
B Company. 44⅘ sec.
Tug-of-War :—
A Company *v.* C Company. 2—0.
Corporals' Race. Quarter Mile :—
1st, Corpl. Buxton, 59⅘ sec. 2nd, L.Corpl. Black.
Quarter Mile Relay Race :—
C Company. 3 min. 50 sec.
Ladies Race :—
1st, Miss Hay. 2nd, Mrs. Wylie.
220 *Yards Relay Race* :—
B Company. 1 min. 43 sec.
Children's Race (*Girls*) :—
1st, Gladys Attewell. 2nd, Iris Wilkinson.
Children's Race (*Boys*) :—
1st, William Unwin. 2nd, Jack Bennett.
Officers' Handicap, 100 *Yards* :—
Lieut.-Colonel Hart.
Tug-of-War, Final :—
B Company *v.* H.Q. Wing. 2—0.
120 *Yards Hurdle Relay Race* :—
A Company. 1 min. 18⅖ sec.
Half-Mile Relay Race :—
H.Q. Wing. 9 min. 12⅖ sec.
Sergeants' Handicap, 220 *Yards* :—
Sergt. Old.
Quarter Mile, Open Race :—
1st, Corpl. Green, Royal Corps of Signals. 2nd, A. C. Heron, R.A.F.
Band Swindle Race :—
Mohamad Din.
One Mile Team Race :—
Pte. Brown, A Company. 5 min. 5 sec.

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SCORE SHEET

Championship Events.	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D" (M.G.)	H.Q.
Tug-of-War (Team of Ten, Catch weight) . .	6	10	4	2	8
Putting the Weight (Team of Two). . . .	10	8	2	4	6
Long Jump (Team of Two) .	10	6	4	2	8
High Jump (Team of Two) .	2	7	7	4	10
Three Miles Team Race (Team of Four) . .	10	6	8	—	4
100 Yards Relay Race (Team of Four) . . .	8	10	2	6	4
Quarter Mile Relay Race (Team of Four) . .	4	—	10	—	6
220 Yards Relay Race (Team of Four) . . .	6	10	4	2	8
120 Yards Hurdle Relay Race (Team of Four) . .	10	6	4	2	8
Half Mile Relay Race (Team of Four) . . .	4	6	—	2	10
One Mile Team Race (Team of Four) . . .	10	6	8	2	4
Total Points .	80	83	61	26	76

Winners for 1929: B Company.

Winners for 1924: B and D Companies tied with 66 Points each.
1925: B Company. 58 Points.
1926: B and A Companies tied with 40 points each.
1927: B Company. 50 Points.
1928: B Company. 70 Points.
1929: B Company. 83 Points.

ATHLETIC TESTS, 1929

Companies carried out Athletic Tests during 1929 on the same lines as the previous years.

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D (M.G.) Company headed the list with the very creditable average of 93·6 per cent., being roughly 12 points ahead of A Company, and beating B Company's results in 1928 by 1·6 per cent. On the whole the average was not quite so good as 1928.

A Company have already completed their tests for this year, owing to that Company proceeding to Hyderabad (Sind) on detachment duty in June.

The following are the results of the Athletic Tests for 1929:—

1st, D (M.G.) Company	93·6 per cent. of Points obtainable.
2nd, A Company . .	81·8 per cent. of Points obtainable.
3rd, C Company . .	77 per cent. of Points obtainable.
4th, H.Q. Wing . .	76·9 per cent. of Points obtainable.
5th, B Company . .	74·4 per cent. of Points obtainable.

Athletics Outside the Battalion

The Maratha Union held a sports meeting during March, and the following from the Battalion were placed in the undermentioned events:—

10 *Mile Marathon Race*	3rd, L.Corpl. Cox.	
	4th, Pte. Crowson.	
	5th, Corpl. Neal.	
3 *Miles* . . .	2nd, L.Corpl. Cox.	
	3rd, L.Corpl. Corthorne.	
	4th, Sergt. Howard.	
1 *Mile* . . .	1st, L.Corpl. Corthorne.	
	3rd, Corpl. Buxton.	
100 *Yards* . .	1st, Pte. Emery.	
High Jump . .	1st, Pte. Wood.	5 ft. 5 in.
	4th, L.Sergt. Norkett.	4 ft. 9 in.
Long Jump . .	1st, Dmr. Buckley.	18 ft. 2½ in.

Health Week Sports

10 *Miles Marathon* .	1st, L.Corpl. Cox.
	2nd, Pte. Crowson.

Considering that these men were running against the best athletes, both European and Indian, which Karachi could

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produce, the representatives of the Battalion must be congratulated on the excellent performance they put up.

Football

We are now passing through a period when we lack experienced players and are trying to make a new team, so cannot expect them to equal the records of previous years.

The Durand Tournament was played at Simla in September, the team being the same as that for the I.F.A. Shield at Calcutta, which was shown in last year's *Annual*. In the First Round we met a side called the "Imperial Raisana's," beating them easily by 5 goals to 1. In the Second Round we met a combined Railway Team called the "All Blues," who were one of the favourites for the Cup. Our team played fairly steady football, but were beaten 1—0 after a hard game, the Railway Team proving too good for our young side. It was a great disappointment to retire so early from the Tournament, but quality can only be learnt by experience.

The Western Command Trophy had, in previous years, been restricted to units stationed in the Quetta Garrison. This year it was made open to all in the Western Command, and it is a source of satisfaction that the Battalion in Karachi should win it for the first time that they were eligible to compete.

All our matches were played in Karachi, the first being against the Royal Corps of Signals, the score being 3—0 in our favour. The Second Round, which was also the Semi-Final, against the R.A., we won 2—1.

The Final against the Devonshire Regiment from Quetta was an exciting match. The Devons were favourites, but we managed to beat them 2—1.

General Sir Charles Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command presented the Cup after the Match, and heartily congratulated the Battalion upon its success, and during his speech he particularly remarked upon the effort that the Battalion must have made when located in a station such as Karachi in order to produce so successful a team, in spite of the fact that local competition was lacking.

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This makes yet another cup in India on which the name of the Regiment is inscribed.

The new team with only one or two of the old hands have just come back from Calcutta after playing in the I.F.A. Shield.

Unfortunately we were beaten in the First Round, after a replay, by the Gordon Highlanders.

The team did not have much chance of playing together before they proceeded to Calcutta, consequently the defence and the forwards did not combine very well. It was 1—1 at half time, and 2—2 at full time, and for most of the latter half of the game we had most of the play, but the Gordons' defence was too good for us.

In the replay we started off well for the first quarter of an hour, but could not keep it up on account of one of the forwards twisting his knee. The Gordons' scored just before half time, and again in the second half, but thanks to our backs and the goalkeeper they did not score any more.

Teams in the I.F.A. Shield were chosen from the following :—

Goal : Pte. Adcock.

Backs : Ptes. Barlow, Bradford and Emery.

Halves : Ptes. Hatton, McIvor, Pounsford and Sergt. Whitbrook.

Forwards : Ptes. Stone, Dudley, Stevenson, Dale and Goodwin.

There have been some exciting matches, in fact " Blood-Feuds," in the Inter-Platoon Football Competition, the Drums eventually winning and Number 10 Platoon, C Company, being runners-up.

The Inter-Company Football Shield was won by A Company, D (M.G.) Company being runners-up.

Other local Football Competitions in which Companies have played are :—

Y.M.C.A. Challenge Cup : Won by " B " Team, D (M.G.) Company. Runners-up, C Company.

Eduljee Dinshaw Challenge Cup : Won by " A " Team, D (M.G.) Company. Runners-up, H.Q., S. and D.S., Royal Air Force.

Shivajee Challenge Cup : Won by C Company. Runners-up, A Company.

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Boxing

MUSSOORIE ALL-INDIA BOXING, 9TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

This tournament took place from 31st August, 1929, to 7th September, 1929.

It was much regretted that, owing to the great expense entailed, a team could not be sent to represent the Battalion at Mussoorie this year. Judging by form in other meetings we should have done well.

For the first time, it was decided that this year, and in future years, winners in the Individual Competitions at Mussoorie should hold the title of Army in India Champions in their respective weights.

Future competitions for Army in India Amateur Boxing Championship titles will now all be held at Mussoorie.

The Battalion sent three individuals, none of whom were fortunate enough to annex a title. They were Pte. Lovatt (Middle Weight), Pte. Goode (Welter Weight), and L.Corpl. Porter (Light Weight).

Pte. Lovatt drew a Bye in the 1st Series.

In the 2nd Series he beat Pte. Brown (Seaforths) on points.

In the 3rd Series he was himself beaten on points by L.Corpl. Chamberlain (K.S.L.I.), the eventual winner of the weight. This was anyone's fight from start to finish, and the margin of defeat must have been extremely small.

Pte. Goode beat L.Corpl. McClushley (Seaforths) on points in the 1st Series.

He won the 2nd Series by a walk-over, Corpl. Frost (Black Watch) having scratched.

In the 3rd Series he lost on points to Gnr. Rees (I Bty. R.A.).

Goode's loss of this fight was attributed by the various critics present to insufficient training.

Gnr. Rees, before joining the Army, was Welter-Weight champion of Wales, so Goode could not have afforded to have been other than absolutely fit.

L.Corpl. Porter was unfortunate. He won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Series without difficulty, and was beaten on points by Pte. Levy (Royal Sussex) in the Semi-Final.

Porter had to fight off in the morning at short notice instead of in the evening as he had expected. Just shortly before the

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fight he had had a considerable amount of food to eat after training, and this went against him. The fight was very close, however.

It is noteworthy that Pte. Grimes (East Lancs), who eventually won the weight, was beaten in the Lahore Boxing, six months before, by Tpr. Labe (4/9th D.Gs.). In the Lahore Tournament L.Corpl. Porter beat Tpr. Labe in the Final, at the same weight, with considerable ease.

Nineteen regimental teams entered, and the individual entry list was a record.

BATTALION BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1929

This meeting was held at Napier Barracks, Karachi, in the Gymnasium, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 1st and 2nd November, 1929.

The competition was run on the "Collective system"; except that it was decided that the team winner in each weight should be recognized as the Individual Champion in that particular weight.

B Company is to be congratulated on winning the Challenge Cup for the fourth successive year. The newly constituted Machine-Gun Company was runner-up.

Every company entered a full team (nine men), except C Company, who had no heavy weight, and H.Q. Wing, who failed to produce a middle weight. Total entries numbered forty-two.

The final order of merit was as follows:—

B Company	44 Points.
D (M.G.) Company . .	28 Points.
Headquarter Wing . .	24 Points.
A Company	20 Points.
C Company	18 Points.

The following are the names of B Company's team, those marked * being the winners of their weight and those marked † runners-up:—

Fly Weight:	Pte. Marshall.	Winner: Pte. May, D Company.
Bantam Weight:	L.Corpl. Baker.*	

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Feather Weight:	Pte. Weston.*	
Light Weight:	Pte. Gallagher.†	Winner: L.Corpl. Porter, H.Q.
Welter Weight (1):	Pte. Goode.*	
Welter Weight (2):	Pte. Edge.*	
Middle Weight:	Pte. Allsopp.*	
Light Heavy Weight:	Pte. Lovatt.*	
Heavy Weight:	Pte. Barrell.*	

Runners-up were :—

Fly Weight:	Pte. Shirley.	H.Q. Wing.
Bantam Weight:	Pte. McKay.	D (M.G.) Company.
Feather Weight:	Pte. Buxton.	D (M.G.) Company.
Light Weight:	Pte. Gallagher.	B Company.
Welter Weight (1):	Corpl. Chapman.	A Company.
Welter Weight (2):	L.Corpl. Barber.	H.Q. Wing.
Middle Weight:	Pte. Bird.	A Company.
Light Heavy Weight:	Pte. Clarke.	C Company.
Heavy Weight:	Sergt. Jenks.	D (M.G.) Company.

Best Losers.—Two men were deemed to be equal as best losers. Both put up extraordinarily hard and plucky fights in their respective weights. They were Pte. Gumsley, D (M.G.) Company, Light Weight, and Pte. Buxton, D (M.G.) Company, Feather Weight.

In addition to the Battalion Open Competition, a Boys' Competition was run, and evoked much well-earned enthusiasm. In this there were seven entries, in two weights. The results were as follows :—

9*st. Boys' Light Weight:* Winner, Boy Sail. Runner-up, Boy Lamb.

Under 8 *st., Paper Weight:* Winner, Boy Evans. Runner-up, Boy Walker.

SIND FLOOD RELIEF FUND BOXING TOURNAMENT, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1929

H.M.S.s. *Emerald, Enterprise* and *Effingham* (Flag Ship), of the East Indies Squadron, *versus* The Sherwood Foresters, A Corps Signals, and the Royal Air Force Depot, of the Sind Independent Brigade Area.

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" Royal Navy v. The Services "

Advantage was taken of the presence in Karachi Harbour of the three above-mentioned ships of the East Indies Squadron to stage a Team Competition between the Royal Navy and the Services.

The tournament was run by R. Goldrich, Esq., and cleared Rupees 600 in aid of the Sind Flood Relief Fund after the payment of all expenses.

The Services Team was composed as under :—

Foresters	6	Total 14.
R.A.F.	5	
Royal Signals . . .	3	

Two in each weight, except Light Heavy . . . 1.
Welters . . . . 3.
No Heavy Weight.

Fly Weight :	(1) A.C.I. Parkes	R.A.F.
	(2) Pte. May	Foresters.
Bantam Weight :	(1) L.Corpl. Hutchinson	" A " Corps Signals.
	(2) Pte. McKay	Foresters.
Feather Weight :	(1) L.A.C. Hogan	R.A.F.
	(2) L.Corpl. McKenzie	" A " Corps Signals.
Light Weight :	(1) L.A.C. Williams	R.A.F.
	(2) Pte. Gallagher	Foresters.
Welter Weight :	(1) Pte. Goode	Foresters.
	(2) Sgm. Pengelly	" A " Corps Signals.
	(3) Pte. Stevenson	Foresters.
Middle Weight :	(1) Pte. Allsopp	Foresters.
	(2) L.A.C. Day	R.A.F.
Light Heavy Weight :	Pte. Lovatt	Foresters.

Summary of Results :—

Foresters :	3 Wins	3 Loses.
R.A.F. :	1 Win	4 Loses.
Signals :	1 Win	2 Loses.

At the end of the first half the score-board showed :—

Royal Navy	12
Services	2

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Three Foresters had fought and lost, Ptes. May, McKay and Stevenson. Only L.A.C. Williams, R.A.F., succeeded in winning his fight. L.A.C. Day, R.A.F., and L.Corpl. McKenzie, Royal Signals, both lost.

In the second half the winners for the Services were :—

L.Corpl. Hutchinson, Signals.
Pte. Goode
Pte. Allsopp } Foresters.
Pte. Lovatt

Losers : A.C.I. Parkes, L.A.C. Hogan, R.A.F., Pte. Gallagher, Foresters.

The final score-board showed :—

Royal Navy	18
Services	10

This was a fair indication of the fighting.

Unfortunately L.Corpl. Porter was in hospital, and Pte. Gilleran, who was down to take his place as first Light Weight, was passed unfit to box by the Medical Officer.

The fighting was keen and hard, and invoked tremendous enthusiasm among the spectators.

Soldiers outnumbered sailors in the audience, and it was good to see a large number of civilians present.

The Katrak Hall, where the tournament was held, was absolutely packed.

Owing to the large number of tickets sold it was originally intended to hold the tournament out of doors on the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Ground on the 8th November. However, about lunch-time on the 8th it began to rain, and continued all night and most of the following day.

The boxing was postponed until Saturday, 9th November, and was then staged with the above-mentioned success in the Katrak Hall at 9.30 p.m.

BOMBAY AMATEUR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS (ALL INDIA)

L.Corpl. Porter and Pte. Goode were sent to Bombay. They left Karachi by S.S. *Chakla* on the 26th November, 1929.

The weigh-in and draw took place on the 2nd December,

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and the entries were noted as a record for these Championships (Amateur).

L.Corpl. Porter weighed in Light Weight.

Pte. Goode weighed in Welter Weight.

L.Corpl. Porter drew a Bye in the 1st Series.

He won his way through 2nd, 3rd Series and Semi-Final into the Final.

In the Final he was beaten on points after an excellent fight by L.Corpl McKnight, Royal Ulster Rifles, the holder.

McKnight is a very clever boxer, and the newspapers reported this fight as "One of the finest exhibitions of boxing ever seen in Bombay."

Porter won the Light-Weight Championship in February, 1928, in this tournament.

Pte. Goode is to be congratulated heartily on bringing back with him the title of Amateur Welter-Weight Champion of India. This makes Pte. Goode's third win in this tournament in the same weight.

He has been successful in February, 1928, November, 1928, and December, 1929.

It is noteworthy that Goode, who is rather looked upon as a "K.O. Specialist," did not once knock out an opponent in this tournament this year. This rather points to the fact that he can box as well as hit—and he can certainly hit.

He fought four times to win his weight, in the Final repeatedly flooring his opponent.

SIND (I.) BRIGADE AREA BOXING, 1930

The Battalion entered five teams in the above tournament, which was held in Napier Barracks on 13th, 14th and 15th March, 1930.

Some good boxing was witnessed, and the following were the detailed results:—

Weight.	Winner.	Runner-up.
Fly Weight:	A. C. Parkes, R.A.F.	Pte. May, "D" (M.G.).
Bantam Weight:	L.Corpl. Hutchinson, Signals.	Pte. Gregory, "A."
Feather Weight:	Corpl. McKenzie, Signals.	Pte. Buxton, "D" (M.G.)

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Weight.	Winner.	Runner-up.
Light Weight:	L.Corpl. Porter, H.Q. Wing.	A.C. Valentine, R.A.F.
Middle Weight:	Pte. Morris, "C."	L.Corpl. Bannister, "D" (M.G.).
Welter Weight:	Pte. Price, "D" (M.G.).	A.C. Mathers, R.A.F.
Light Heavy Weight:	Sergt. Jenks, "D" (M.G.).	Sgm. Ratcliffe, Signals.
Heavy Weight:	Pte. Smith, "C."	Corpl. Atkin, "B."

Points.

D (M.G.) Company . .	36 Points.
Headquarter Wing . .	21 Points.
A Company	20 Points.
C Company	20 Points.
R. Corps Signals . . .	21 Points.
B Company	18 Points.
A.R.S. (R.A.F.) . . .	15 Points.

It is interesting to note that D (M.G.) Company were the winners by the large margin of 15 points.

R.A.F. *v.* FORESTERS

The 3rd Annual Boxing Competition for the Cup presented by Lieut.-Colonel R. S. Hart, D.S.O., and Wing Commander R. Bone, R.A.F., took place at Drigh Road on 1st April, 1930. The R.A.F. had won the first year's competition, and the Foresters the second year. Consequently the excitement over the result and who should be the winners of the Cup was evident.

After an exceptionally good evening's fighting the competition ended in a tie, and the deciding competition will take place in October.

Y.M.C.A. TOURNAMENT

This competition was held in connection with the Y.M.C.A. Carnival on 3rd May, 1930, and the following from the Battalion boxed:—

Ptes. Gilleran, Gumsley, Crofts, Turgoose, Potts, Price, L.Corpl. Smith (41), L.Corpl. Porter, Sergt. Chapman, Sergt. Jenks, Corpl. Atkin.

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The following were the results :—

Light Heavy Weight : Corpl. Atkin lost to L.Corpl. Smith (41).
Middle Weight : Sergt. Jenks lost to Gnr. Billings, R.A.
Welter Weight : L.Corpl. Price beat L.Sergt. Chapman.
Light Weight : L.Corpl. Porter beat Pte. Gilleran.
Feather Weight : Pte. Crofts lost to Robinson, R.A.F., in the Final.

INTER-COMPANY NOVICES COMPETITION

This competition was held on 14th, 16th and 17th June, and during these three nights it was realized that the standard of Novices boxing in the Battalion is very high.

The excitement of the audience was kept at fever heat right up to the penultimate fight, when D (M.G.) Company just managed to beat off the strong challenge of C Company for the Cup by the narrow margin of one point.

Both these companies are to be congratulated on their keen struggle for the honour of winning the Cup.

The following were the results :—

Weight.	Winner.	Runner-up.
Heavy Weight :	Pte. Shemilt, "C."	Pte. Brough, "D" (M.G.).
Light Heavy Weight :	Pte. Woolley, "C."	Pte. Gladding, "A."
Middle Weight :	L.C. Allcock, "B."	Pte. Cook, "D" (M.G.)
Welter Weight :	L.C. Hibbert, "D" (M.G.).	Pte. Roberts, H.Q.
Light Weight :	Pte. Buxton, "D" (M.G.).	Pte. Gallagher, "B."
Feather Weight :	Pte. Roper, "C."	Pte. Smith(61), "B."
Bantam Weight :	Pte. Ricketts, "D" (M.G.).	Pte. Birch, "A."
Fly Weight :	Pte. Wheelhouse, "C."	Pte. Shirley, H.Q.

Best Loser : Pte. Hornigold.
Native Cooks' Fight : Winner, Cook Alla Rakha.

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Results by Companies:

D (M.G.) Company . .	86 Points.
C Company	85 Points.
B Company	72 Points.
H.Q. Wing	60 Points.
A Company	52 Points.

NOTES ON SPECIAL CONTESTS

Pte. Wheelhouse, 2nd Foresters, v. L.A.C. Parkes, R.A.F.

In the First Round, Parkes, being over-confident, was an easy target for Wheelhouse's right, which connected with Parkes' jaw, putting him down for a count of seven.

1st Round won easily by Wheelhouse.

2nd Round. Parkes rushed his man and was met again with a right to the jaw which dazed him, round finished again, with Wheelhouse ahead on points.

3rd Round. Parkes became wary of his man and cleverly boxed him and gained a very cleverly fought round. Wheelhouse not being fit was beginning to blow hard. 3rd Round won by Parkes easily.

4th Round. Wheelhouse immediately rushed his man and penned him in a corner, repeatedly getting home his right. Parkes tried hard to box his man, but was not allowed to do so.

Wheelhouse finished the winner of a very good four-round contest.

L.Corpl. Gallagher, 2nd Foresters, v. L.A.C. Valentine, R.A.F.

This fight caused a great surprise to the Royal Air Force. Valentine entered the ring smiling and acknowledging cheers from the crowd whilst Gallagher remained in his corner, quite cool.

On the 1st Round being started Valentine skipped across the ring with the intention of finding an easy victim, but was met with a straight left and a right hook to the jaw, putting him down for nearly the full count; he got up, but was at once put to the boards again. He was put down five times in all before Gallagher, carefully measuring his man with his left, put him clean out of the ring with his right.

Gallagher was specially commended by the Wing Com-

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mander of the Royal Air Force for such a good exhibition of boxing.

Hockey

The 1929–30 Hockey season was not a very successful one, but we managed to win about half our Battalion fixtures. The four companies at Karachi have also had numerous fixtures, and have managed to hold their own against military teams.

The excellent Indian teams have again been our stumbling-block, their speed and stick-work being much too good for us. To illustrate the extreme popularity of the game amongst Indians, it is mentioned, as a point of interest, that there are no fewer than twenty-two civilian Hockey clubs in Karachi.

Over half the old Battalion team went home on discharge during the Hockey season, and it has not been easy to replace them. There is, however, a good supply of young players in the last two drafts, and, when they have become used to the fast Indian grounds, they should be of great assistance.

Inter-Company Hockey Shield

The matches were played early in the season; in the Final, after a hard and well-contested game, A Company defeated B Company by 2 goals to 0.

Owing to the Battalion being in camp at Mangho Pir we were unable to enter for the Haji Dossul Tournament this year.

The Battalion side has changed continually during the season, owing to a company always being at Hyderabad (Sind) on detachment, and owing to the numerous Inter-Company Football Tournaments in Karachi.

The following have played regularly, when available: Lieuts. R. E. H. Stott, R. F. Bernal, R. C. B. Buck, C.S.M. Newbury, C.Q.M.SS. White and Jenks, Sergts. Bevan and Hinds, L.Sergts. Benfield, East and Norkett, L.Corpl. Reaney, Bdsm. Barber, Harrison and Page, Privates Vernon, Shelton and Whitehouse.

C.S.M. Hunt, D.C.M., and Private Williams have both umpired in many matches to everybody's entire satisfaction.

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Cricket

The Regimental Team this season was not strong, and consequently in the class of Cricket played in Karachi the results were not very good.

Two teams of selected players from Karachi went to Delhi for the All-India Cricket Tournament, and both teams reached the Final.

We suffered a very great loss to the side when Captain Walker went home to the Depot before the season began. For the last ten years he has been the mainstay of the batting and bowling, and time and again has carried the whole team on his shoulders.

The team was also greatly handicapped owing to the detachment at Hyderabad (Sind), and to the absence of several players who were away with the Regimental Football Team for three tournaments. Many of the games which were lost were lost only by the barest margin.

Private Massey had to do more than his share of the bowling owing to the lack of bowlers ; and bowling in the hot weather here is very exacting. Private Fletcher came out on the top of the bowling averages with an average of 13·14, and he was away part of the season with the Regimental Football Team. He will be a great loss to the Cricket team at the end of this season, when he goes home on discharge. We wish him the best of luck in the future.

Lieut. Wilmot-Sitwell bowled consistently well throughout the season. Lieut. Morrison was very reliable as wicket-keeper. The batting was weak this year, but we hope some new talent will be forthcoming next season.

Two Officers' matches were played against the Officers of the Royal Air Force, and both were won.

Lieut. Fowler was the top scorer in the first match with 48, and Lieut. Balguy made a century in the second match. Colonel Hart, in the second match, had very bad luck, by being run out when he was just getting set for a big score.

The Inter-Company Cricket Shield was won by A Company this year.

The draw for the Shield, and the results were as follows:

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CRICKET—"A" COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION
(WINNERS OF THE COMPANY SHIELD)

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RUGBY—2ND BATTALION *versus* KARACHI GYMKHANA

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1st Round.		2nd Round.	
A Company	A Company by an innings and 4 runs	A Company by 4 wickets	A Company by 223 runs.
B Company			
C Company, Bye			
D (M.G.) Company, Bye		H.Q. Wing, by an innings and 66 runs	
H.Q. Wing, Bye			

The following are the results of the season's matches:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
19	3	12	4

Averages

Batting

	Innings.	Not out.	Highest Score.	Total.	Average.
Lieut. R. E. H. Stott	6	1	66	141	28·2
Lieut. G. S. Wilmot-Sitwell	12	1	73	263	23·9
Pte. Massey	15	2	50*	251	19·3

* Denotes not out.

Bowling

	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Pte. Fletcher	37	92	7	13·14
Lieut. G. S. Wilmot-Sitwell	110	467	28	16·67
Pte. Massey	185	518	30	17·26

Rugby

It is always the way, no sooner do we seem to get something going really well, when owing to the "Exigencies of the Service" it has to be dropped or postponed indefinitely. This especially applies to our Rugby Football. Had the Battalion come to Karachi, having obtained the standard it has reached during 1929–30, we should undoubtedly have walked away with most of the cups. Now no sooner has the Battalion become "Rugby-minded" than we move on to Multan, where the prospect of finding teams to play against is remote. However, every effort will be made to keep up the standard now reached, pending our move to a station where more games can be arranged.

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We played several matches against the Gymkhana, Royal Corps of Signals and the Royal Air Force with varying success. The local tournament took place in December. We were drawn against the R.A.F. " B " in the First Round which was played on 2nd December. It was a " scrappy " and not very satisfactory game, our scrum-half was much too slow in getting the ball out; but he was somewhat hindered by the back row of the scrum, who time and time again held the ball up after it had been hooked by the first row. The outsides were much too fond of running across; it is much more useful to make a yard in a straight line than a couple of yards at an angle of 45 degrees across the field, which eventually hems the wing in so that he can do nothing except get pushed into touch. However, we managed to win by 8 points to nil, scorers being Lieut. C. C. Morrison, Pte. Hoare (Pte. Stone converting).

In the Final we met a very strong Gymkhana team. The score 0–24 hardly gives a true indication of the play. Practically all the Gymkhana's tries were the result of brilliant individual efforts by their wing three-quarter, Jagoe, an Irish Trial Cap.

The forwards, led by Lieut. H. G. Fowler, played a hard clean game and were very good in the loose, though rather out-weighted in the scrum. The outsiders ran and tackled very pluckily: there were several times when we were within an ace of scoring, but each time failed through lack of finish. Special mention must be made of our full back, Pte. Stone, whose tackling was quite fearless and his kicking very accurate. He played for Karachi in the Open Tournament. The following team represented the Regiment:—

Full Back: Pte. Stone.

Three-Quarters: L.Corpl. Brown, Ptes. Hoare, Chatfield and Smith.

Forwards: Lieuts. H. G. Fowler and N. H. Thompson, Sergts. Cunningham and Chapman, Corpl. Timmis, Ptes. Morris, Marriott and Boulton.

The Inter-Company Shield was played off in the middle of February. A Company were the winners. The standard this year showed considerable improvement on last year.

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Small Arms Meeting

The Battalion Small Arms Meeting, held on the 10th and 11th October, 1929, proved very successful, and in spite of somewhat adverse conditions over three hundred competitors entered for the Individual Rifle Match alone. The introduction of a sweepstake run in conjunction with each of the four practices proved very popular, almost Rs. 500 being paid in by competitors, and paid out to the winners in each practice.

The Sumner Cup was opened for competition again. Originally intended for Inter-Platoon competitions in rifle matches extended over a period of one year, it had been in abeyance since 1926. This Inter-Platoon Rifle Competition was fired simultaneously with the Individual Rifle Match, the competitors in each Platoon Team being nominated prior to the first day of the Meeting. Each nominated competitor counted for the team aggregate the scores he obtained in all practices of the Individual Rifle Match, a system which saved both time and ammunition.

For the Meeting of 1930 it is hoped to introduce certain new features which will guarantee an even more successful meeting.

The following are the results of the 1929 Meeting :—

Match No. 1. *The Individual Rifle Match.* H.P.S., 110 (304 Entries).

The Individual Rifle Challenge Cup : Sergt. W. Whitbrook, H.Q. Wing. Score, 80.

Match No. 2. *The Inter-Platoon Team Rifle Match.* (16 Teams.)

The Sumner Cup : Signal Group, H.Q. Wing.

Match No. 3. *The Individual Revolver Match.* H.P.S., 96. (39 Entries.)

Revolver Challenge Cup : Lieut. R. E. H. Stott, A Company. Score, 61.

Match No. 4. *The Inter-Section L.A. Match.* (7 Teams.)

The Lewis Gun Cup : No. 8 Section, 6 Platoon, B Company.

Match No. 5. *The Inter-Section M.G. Match.* (6 Teams.)

The Machine Gun Cup : No. 3 Section, No. 5 Section } Tie. { D (M.G.) Company.

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DEPOT NOTES

SINCE the 1st September, 1929, seven squads have been formed at the Depot, and in spite of the general shortage of recruits throughout the Army, the standard for the Regiment has been well maintained; 224 recruits joined up and 187 proceeded to the Home Battalion; 24 recruits were discharged on medical grounds, 15 for being under age and 6 as unlikely to become efficient. Of the total number of 224, 52 per cent. came from Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, 40 per cent. from other counties but within sixty miles of Derby, and the remaining 8 per cent. from other parts of the country. The places of actual enlistment were as follows:—

London, Derby, Nottingham, Stoke, Lincoln, Grimsby, Warley, Shrewsbury, Leicester, Wolverhampton, Middlesbrough and Lichfield.

At the time of writing, there are three squads under training and a fourth is now in process of formation.

Education results obtained show an improvement on last year, 178 educational certificates (96 per cent.) having been obtained.

In the Maxse Cup for Depot Cadres we did not do so well, and efforts are being made to ensure better results next year. Captain E. E. Sullivan-Tailyour, M.C. (Staff Captain to the Brigade), Lieut. R. M. Ingall (Cadre Officer) and the five N.C.O.'s of the Cadre attended the annual Territorial Camp at Ulverston, and in spite of some very wet days, enjoyed the training and were thanked for their services by the Brigade Commander.

A wireless set has been installed in the Institute with loud speakers in the Corporals' Room, the Reading Room and the Coffee Bar, and the programme of other alterations

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and improvements in the barracks is being energetically pursued.

The two hard tennis courts were finished in time for the opening match on 1st June, and there are very few days in the week when both courts are not in use. The courts lie between the hedge of the Officers' Mess garden and the barrack square and have proved a great asset. The speed and success with which the work was carried out were largely due to the enthusiasm and energy of Sergt. Shaw, and the turfed banks, flowers and trees have greatly improved the appearance of the barracks. The total cost, including the patent " Colbit " surface, wire surround, banks, flowers, nets and posts, was £250, of which £160 was paid by the Northern Command Sports Board, £40 by the 1st and 2nd Battalions, £35 by the Sergeants' Mess at the Depot and £15 by the Hard Tennis Court Fund.

The P.R.I.'s vegetable garden, which produced £30 clear profit last year, has been doubled in size, and it is hoped that the profits will show a corresponding increase.

Two new brick garages with cement floors and accommodation for three cars have been built behind the Mess at a cost of about £38, in place of the wooden sheds previously existing.

Near the entrance to the barracks six hundred square yards of turf have been laid down between the Guard Room and " Chatsworth " block, and it is intended to make two further plots during the autumn.

On the Recreation Ground seven hundred yards of new drains have been laid, and it is intended to lay down another four hundred square yards of turf on the east side of the existing cricket pitch area ; weeding and re-levelling work is also in progress, and good top soil is being put down on the bad areas.

The collection of photographs of regimental teams, hung in the cricket pavilion, has been increased by the addition of the 1st Battalion football group—winners of the Army Cup in April, 1930.

Over a hundred four-year-old silver birch trees were planted in different parts of the barracks in October and November, and of these over ninety have survived the winter ; those

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that have died have been replaced from the tree nursery started in 1927, and rhododendrons and other flowering shrubs have also been planted at suitable spots.

The football and hockey areas have been marked off, and are being used for the first time since the Recreation Ground was made.

About one-third of the road and running track surrounding the allotments has been completed, and it is hoped that the whole will be finished by Easter.

It is intended to obtain authority to build a piggery in the allotments and a small greenhouse near the Orderly Room, both of which should considerably increase the P.R.I.'s income.

The waste area in the neighbourhood of the thirty yards' range has been cleared, levelled and planted, and the black target shed and armoured-car turret have been removed, to the great improvement of the landscape.

Visitors

During the past year we have been visited by the Quartermaster-General, Lieut.-General Sir W. Hastings Anderson, K.C.B.; Brigadier W. P. H. Hill, C.M.G., D.S.O., of the Staff of the Northern Command; Colonel Hugo Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the Sherwood Foresters Territorial Brigade, and the Officers Commanding and Staffs of the Depots of The South Staffordshire Regiment, The Green Howards, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, The York and Lancaster Regiment, and The Durham Light Infantry.

The Depot has also been visited three times by the Area Commander, Major-General Sir Percy Hambro, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G.

We can also look back with great appreciation to the three visits paid to us by the late Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, and to the fact that on the last of these occasions Sir Horace was present at a Dinner held on the evening of the Annual Regimental Cricket Match, when sixteen regular officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions assembled to meet him.

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Death of General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, Colonel of The Regiment

The tragic news of the death of the Colonel of the Regiment came as a great shock to all ranks of the Depot, and we would like to take this opportunity of expressing to Lady Smith-Dorrien and her family our deepest sympathy. The loss to the Regiment of such a splendid friend and so great a Colonel is immeasurable.

A representative party from the Depot, consisting of Major R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O., Lieut. R. T. K. Pye, R.S.M., W. A. Laws, M.M., and Private T. Smith attended the funeral in London.

Four Memorial Services were arranged in the Territorial area of the Regiment, and were held in Derby, Chesterfield, Nottingham and Newark on Sunday, 17th August. The service in Derby Cathedral was attended by the whole of the Depot and 5th Battalion. Amongst others present were: His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., T.D. (Lord-Lieutenant of the County); Brig.-Generals G. Meynell, C.M.G., E. C. Walthall, C.M.G., D.S.O., and W. Wright Bemrose, V.D.; Colonels G. D. Goodman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G. A. Lewis, C.M.G., T.D., J. H. F. Marsden, O.B.E., T.D., D. E. Forman, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Major P. F. R. Anley, O.B.E. (Chief Constable of Derbyshire); Mrs. Walter Salmond, O.B.E.; The Deputy Mayor and Members of the Corporation; Representatives of the Old Comrades' Association, Past and Present Sergeants' Association, 1st Volunteer and 5th Bn. Foresters, The Imperial War Veterans' Association, The British Legion, The Derby V.A.D.

The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Derby, The Ven. E. S. Noakes and the Canon of the Cathedral, Canon Ham.

Officers' Mess

The changing over of the ante-room and the mess-room has proved a great success, and as many as twenty-two people have been comfortably seated in the new small mess-room, while the present ante-room could hardly be improved upon.

As a pair to the portrait of the late Sir Horace Smith-

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Dorrien, Major J. M. S. Crealock has most generously presented his admirable portrait of Lieut.-General Sir W. R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., which will be hung on the east wall facing the portrait of the late Colonel of the Regiment.

The entrance hall of the Mess has been enlarged and considerably improved by the removal of the wooden partition, now replaced by a brick wall.

The lawn in front of the Mess, never satisfactory as a tennis court, has been transformed into a putting green with miniature bunkers, and it is understood that the standard of golf in the Depot has already begun to show improvement!

A very successful tennis tournament was held in June when about one hundred and sixty guests accepted the Mess' invitation and enjoyed some excellent tennis, on the three Depot courts.

Eight or nine small tennis parties were held during the summer and proved an excellent means of returning individual hospitality.

Two officers, Lieuts. Ingall and Pye, hunted from the Depot last year and enjoyed some good sport with the Meynell, and it is hoped that two, if not three, officers will be hunting this year.

The Mess Shoot on the borders of Staffordshire and Derbyshire provided several pleasant days in the country, and the game just about paid for the rent. It is hoped to make a similar arrangement for this shooting season.

The annual luncheon party was held in the Mess on 20th October on the occasion of the Old Comrades' Church Parade, at which Lieut.-General Sir W. R. Marshall took the salute. Amongst those Officers present at lunch were: Generals Marshall and Roy; Lieut.-Colonels Foster, Wayte and Troops; Majors Sherbrooke and Keith; Captains Sullivan-Tailyour, Edwards, Giles, Hutchings and White; Lieuts. Pye and Sanders.

Sergeants' Mess

Since the last Sergeants' Mess Notes were published various changes have taken place. C.S.M. R. Slade has gone to the 1st Battalion and has been replaced by C.S.M. J. Smith. Colour-Sergt. E. Lound, M.M., after twenty-two years' service,

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has retired and we wish him every success in civilian life. His place has been taken by Orderly Room Sergeant, J. Campbell.

In the local Billiards League the senior team won the "F" Division Shield for the first time; our second string in "G" Division played very well indeed, but was not so fortunate. Snooker and cribbage were also played, and a great many friends were made during our various visits.

Lawn tennis is not one of our strong games, but now that the new hard tennis courts are available, we hope, by constant practice, to have a really good team for next season; and we are looking forward to our match against the Officers.

A most successful dance season was brought to a close in April. Two and sometimes three re-unions a month were held and some jolly evenings were passed.

Derby's marriage epidemic has broken out again, and we offer our congratulations to R.Q.M.Sergt. F. Hallam.

A collection of Medals has been started in the Mess, and we should be glad to hear of any medals which will be of interest to the Mess.

The Depot Officers have visited us twice during the season. Various games were played, and the evenings were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Squash Court

Owing to various unforeseen delays, work on the Squash court was not actually begun until the end of August, but the building is now progressing fast and it is hoped that it will be completed by the 1st November. In addition to the Officers of the Depot, the court will be made available to Officers of the Garrison and honorary members of the Mess, as well as to the N.C.O.'s of the Depot. There is every reason to believe that the total cost will not exceed £225, and the residue of the money subscribed will be placed to the credit of the "Upkeep Fund." Only those who have spent a winter at the Depot can realize what an enormous boon the Squash court will prove to the Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Regiment stationed at Derby, and the grateful thanks of all concerned are conveyed to the retired officers who sub-

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scribed to the Squash Court Fund and whose names appear below:

Lieut.-General Sir W. Marshall.
Major-Generals Black and Burnett-Hitchcock.
Brig.-Generals Iggulden, Campbell, Leveson-Gower, Wolley-Dod and Crofton-Atkins.
Colonels Green, Brittan, Knowles, Pye, Popham and Brownrigg.
Lieut.-Colonels Milward, Hart, Saville, Reeks, Weldon, Keller, Watson and Herbert-Stepney.
Majors Gosset, Luther, Meares, Hume, Bowring, Edwards, Coney, Gilson, Adkins, Porter, Morley, Bagshawe, Mathias and Parsons.
Captains Hancock and Lloyd.
Wing Commander Jackson.
Lieuts. Coleman and Iggulden.

£53 15*s.* 8*d.* was subscribed by the serving officers of the Regiment, and those who have not yet done so are reminded that by subscribing £1 1*s.* now, they become life members of the Depot Squash Club without further subscriptions.

Football

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
15	8	5	2

In order to give the young grass on the football ground a fair start, the sports ground was not used for football last season, and we were therefore handicapped for a second year by having to play on a very indifferent hired ground. In spite of this drawback we managed to keep our end up in the Derby Wednesday League, and had quite a successful season, due largely to the energy and keenness of Cook-Sergt. Bradley.

Expense and the lack of a home ground prevented our entering for the Northern Command Recruits' Cup, but thanks to the generosity of both Regular Battalions, we have been able to send in our entry for the 1930–31 season, and the recruits team has been in training some weeks and promises very well.

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We are participating in the Derby Wednesday League as usual, but this year have entered two teams, of which one consists entirely of recruits. The first team will include such stalwarts as Corporals Ash, Hall, Cruddas, McMahon and Private Jephcote.

The following regularly represented the Depot last year: Sergt. Rogers; Lance-Corporals Lake and Smith; Privates Staley, Fahey, Jephcote, Brice, Hopcroft, Clancey, Jollands and Byrd, and Mr. Iliffe.

The fixture list was as follows:—

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.
4th Sept.	Derby Butchers	Home	Lost
16th Oct.	Ashbourne	Home	Lost
23rd Oct.	Derby Borough Police . .	Home	Drawn
30th Oct.	Stapleford	Away	Won
11th Nov.	Loughborough	Away	Won
20th Nov.	Celanese	Home	Won
27th Nov.	Celanese	Away	Won
4th Dec.	Derby Co-operative Society .	Home	Won
11th Dec.	Derby Butchers	Away	Won
1st Jan.	Celanese	Away	Lost
22nd Jan.	Trent Motor Traction Co. .	Home	Won
29th Jan.	Derby Co-operative Society .	Away	Won
5th Feb.	Celanese	Home	Lost
26th Feb.	Stapleford	Home	Lost
5th Mar.	Ashbourne	Away	Drawn

Northern Command Inter-Depot Football Challenge Cup

Second Round

Depot The Sherwood Foresters versus Depot The York and Lancaster Regiment

This match was played at Pontefract on Tuesday, 14th October, and resulted in an easy win for the Foresters by 9 goals to 2 goals.

The weather was fine, but a very strong wind was blowing down the field throughout the game.

The Foresters won the toss and elected to play with the wind.

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From the start it appeared that the Foresters had the stronger team, scoring twice within the first five minutes, and thoroughly deserving their victory.

By half-time another three goals had been added, to their opponents nil, and on resumption of play, in spite of playing into the wind, the Foresters maintained their mastery of the ball. During this half the York and Lancasters scored twice, once through a fault of Griffiths, who ran out to catch the ball, but was beaten by the wind. During the second half four more goals were added: one a very brilliant effort by Pte. Eldret, who scored in the teeth of the wind with a left-foot drive into the corner of the net.

The York and Lancaster Regiment played a plucky game, but were outclassed by their opponents.

The following played well for the winners: Pte. Eldret (4 goals), Pte. Woolley (3 goals), Corpl. McMahon (1 goal), Pte. Wright (1 goal); Pte. Lowndes at right back and Pte. Bourne at outside right also distinguished themselves.

Team:—Pte. Griffiths, Pte. Lowndes, Pte. White, Pte. Heath, Pte. Wright, Pte. Overton, Pte. Bourne, Pte. Woolley, Pte. Eldret, Corpl. McMahon, and Pte. Jukes.

Football Fixtures, 1930–31

1st Team

Date.		Opponents.	Place.	Result.
Sept.	10.	Wednesday Ath. (Medals)	H.	4—3
	17.			
	24.	Wednesday Ath.	H.	1—0
Oct.	1.	Celanese "A"	A.	2—3
	8.	2nd Round Medals		1—4
	15.	Co-Operative Trams.	H.	2—2
	16.			
	22.	Heanor	A.	
	29.	Butchers	H.	
Nov.	5.	Trent Motors	A.	
	12.	Medals-Semi-Final		
	19.	Wednesday Ath.	A.	
	26.	Trams.	H.	

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Date.	Opponents.	Place.	Result.
Dec. 3.			
10.	Ashbourne	H.	
17.			
24.			
31.	Co-Operative	A.	
Jan. 7.	Trent Motors	H.	
14.	1st Round of Cup . . .		
21.	Celanese "B"	A.	
28.	Heanor	H.	
Feb. 4.	Butchers	A.	
11.	2nd Round of Cup		
18.			
25.			
March 4.	Semi-Final of Cup		
11.			
18.	Celanese "C"	H.	
25.	Ashbourne	A.	
April 1.	Celanese "B"	H.	
8.			
15.	Celanese "C"	A.	
22.			
29.			

2ND TEAM (RECRUITS)

Date.	Opponents.	Place.	Result.
Sept. 10.	Wirksworth.	A.	5—4
17.	Post Office	H.	1—4
22.	Old Derbians	H.	1—6
Oct. 1.	Albion Rovers	H.	6—1
14.	N.C. Inter-Depot Cup, 2nd Round		9—2
15.	Ilkeston	A.	4—4
16.	Derby School	H.	4—8
22.	Heanor	H.	
29.	Co-Operative	A.	
Nov. 5.	Wirksworth.	H.	
12.			
19.	Albion Rovers	A.	
26.			
Dec. 3.	Trent	H.	
10.			

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Date.		Opponents.	Place.	Result.
Dec.	17.	Celanese "P"	A.	
	24.			
	31.	Butchers	A.	
Jan.	7.			
	14.	Heanor	A.	
	21.	Co-Operative	H.	
	28.			
Feb.	4.	Ilkeston	H.	
	11.			
	18.	Trent	A.	
	25.	Butchers	H.	
March	4.	Post Office	A.	
	11.	Normanton Wed.	H.	
	18.			
	25.			
April	1.			
	8.			
	15.	Normanton Wed.	A.	
	22.	Celanese "P"	H.	
	29.	Stapleford	H.	

Additional Fixtures :—

Sept. 25. Depot *v.* Borough Police 4—3.
Oct. 2. Depot *v.* Borough Police 2—6.

Hockey

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
22	13	4	5

We were again handicapped by having no better ground than the Barrack Square, but nevertheless had a very successful season.

The team was materially strengthened by the presence of Captain N. A. McD. Walker.

For next season we hope whilst the weather remains fine to be able to use the new grass ground.

The following regularly represented the Depot :—

Captain N. A. McD. Walker ; Lieut. R. M. Ingall ; Lieut. R. T. K. Pye ; Lieut. R. B. Sanders ; C.S.M.I. Thomp-

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son; Sergt. Heath; Sergt. Rogers; Drummer Gill; Privates Staley, Smith, Byrd, and Mr. Iliffe.

The fixture list is as follows:—

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.
29th Sept.	Notts Casuals	Away	Drawn
19th Oct.	Boots Athletic	Home	Won
23rd Oct.	Ashby	Away	Lost
26th Oct.	Overseal	Away	Lost
2nd Nov.	Erewash Valley	Home	Won
9th Nov.	Aston	Home	Won
13th Nov.	Ashby	Home	Won
16th Nov.	Loughborough	Away	Won
30th Nov.	Nottingham	Away	Won
12th Dec.	Leicester	Home	Won
2nd Jan.	Notts Casuals	Away	Lost
4th Jan.	Long Eaton	Home	Won
18th Jan.	Erricsons	Away	Drawn
23rd Jan.	Notts Casuals	Home	Won
2nd Feb.	Derby H.C.	Home	Drawn
15th Feb.	Celanese	Home	Won
20th Feb.	Trent College	Away	Lost
22nd Feb.	Derby H.C.	Away	Won
3rd Mar.	Wirksworth	Home	Won
6th Mar.	Notts Casuals	Home	Drawn
22nd Mar.	Nottingham	Home	Won
12th April.	Rolls Royce 2nd XI	Away	Drawn

Cricket

Played.	Won.	Lost.
12	9	3

A long and interesting fixture list, given below, was arranged for 1930 and, at the time of going to press, there is still one more match to be played.

Mr. Cooper, the groundsman, put in a lot of work on the new ground during the autumn and spring, with the result that the wickets played exceedingly well.

The weather, unfortunately, has been against cricket, hardly a day passing without rain, and already five fixtures

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have been cancelled, including, to the regret of all, the annual Regimental Match against the Derbyshire Friars.

The Depot Cricket Eleven suffers from lack of talent and, in our more important matches, we have been greatly assisted by Messrs. F. G. Marsh and L. Jacques, late of the 2nd Battalion, ex-C.S.M. Townsend and Lieut. G. Wilmot-Sitwell home on leave from Karachi. Individual efforts also, such as the consistent batting of Captain N. A. McD. Walker and the steady bowling of Private Smith, have been responsible for a few of our victories. In addition, the Depot eleven is to be congratulated on its keenness in the field; in every game the players were alert and on their toes, and it is due to this keenness that many games ended in victories for the Depot.

Many recruits have been tried and some of them shaped well and should, in time, be of considerable assistance to the Regular Battalions, notably Private Sims.

At the time of going to press, Captain N. A. McD. Walker, with an average of 51·60 and Private Jollands with an average of 31·75, head the batting averages, while the following are at the top of the bowling averages: Captain N. A. McD. Walker with an average of 7·65 and Private Smith with an average of 10·50.

It must be mentioned that the attendance at the home games was very good, all available ranks of the Depot Staff and recruits taking a keen interest in the matches.

In addition to playing for the Depot, the following Officers also played for the Derbyshire Friars:—

Captain N. A. McD. Walker, Lieut. R. M. Ingall, Lieut. G. Wilmot-Sitwell.

The following represented the Depot regularly:—

Captain E. E. Sullivan-Tailyour, M.C.; Captain N. A. McD. Walker; Lieut. R. M. Ingall; Lieut. R. T. K. Pye; Sergt. Bradley; Sergt. Hunt; Privates Smith, Jollands, Jephcote, Hopcroft, Staley; Mr. Iliffe.

The fixture list is as follows:—

Date.	Opponents.	Result.
7th May.	Belper Meadows	Won
14th May.	Derby Borough Police . . .	Lost

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Date.	Opponents.	Result.
17th May.	Notts Amateurs	Won
12th June.	R.A.F., Hucknall	Won
21st June.	Longdons	Lost
3rd July.	Repton School	Lost
10th July.	Oxton	Won
12th July.	Depot, South Staffs Regt. . .	Won
19th July.	Post Office	Cancelled
21st July.	Derbyshire Friars	Cancelled
25th July.	Depot, Leicester Regt. . . .	Cancelled
2nd Aug.	County Offices Staff . . .	Cancelled
6th Aug.	Post Office	Cancelled
13th Aug.	Derby Borough Police . . .	Won
23rd Aug.	County Offices Staff . . .	Won
28th Aug.	Depot, Leicester Regt. . . .	Won
30th Aug.	Normanton	Won
13th Sept.	Depot, South Staffs Regt. . .	—

Boxing

Thanks to the invaluable efforts of C.S.M. I. Thompson, the boxing at the Depot has remained well up to standard. On 12th March, 1930, we visited the Depot of the Leicestershire Regiment, for the half-yearly Inter-Depot contest, and were again successful, though it was by no means an easy win. Our opponents were a very strong team, and the result depended on the last fight, which we won by a narrow margin. The following comprised the team :—

Middle Weight : Pte. Reynolds.
Welter Weights : Ptes. Barks, Garnham and Jennings.
Light Weights : Ptes. Ashley, Gibbons and Southall.
Feather Weights : Ptes. Finch and Nerney.
Bantam Weights : Ptes. Myatt and Padley.

Recruit Ashley entered for the Mayor's Hospital Competition and reached the Final. He put up a fine show and only lost by a very few points.

The return contest against the Depot, The Leicestershire Regiment, took place at Derby on 24th September. An illustration appears facing the following page.

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REGIMENTAL DEPOT BOXING TEAM *v.* DEPOT THE LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1930

Left to Right

Back Row.—Corpl. McMahon (trainer), Pte. R. Holdsworth, Pte. A. Read, Pte. G. Harrison, Pte. C. Bull, Pte. F. Turnill (14), Corpl. G. Cruddas (trainer).

Middle Row.—Pte. F. Eldret, R.S.M. W. A. Laws, M.M., Lieut. and Adjt. R. T. K. Pye, Major R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O., Officer Commanding Regimental Depot, Lieut. and Quartermaster C. A. Warmer, D.C.M., M.M., C.S.M. Inst. of P.T., F. Thompson, A.P.T. Staff, Pte. C. Cartwright.

Front Row.—Pte. T. Garrett, Pte. G. Lowndes, Pte. F. Turnill (01), Pte. T. Wright.

Sports

A very successful Sports Meeting on the Recreation Ground was held on 5th July. Some very promising recruits were discovered, and with more experience should figure in the Battalion teams. The performances of Privates Cotton and Cartwright were particularly noticeable.

The results of the Meeting were as follows:—

Team Events

1 *Mile Team Race:* (1) "Vittoria" Squad (5 min. 45 sec.); (2) "Neuve Chapelle" Squad.

440 *Yards Relay:* (1) "Neuve Chapelle" (56$\frac{4}{5}$ sec.); (2) "Vittoria."

1$\frac{1}{2}$ *Miles Relay:* (1) "Talavera" (6 min. 42$\frac{2}{5}$ sec.); (2) "Vittoria."

880 *Yards Relay:* (1) "Neuve Chapelle" (1 min. 59$\frac{3}{5}$ sec.); (2) "Talavera."

1 *Mile Relay:* (1) "Neuve Chapelle" (4 min. 37 sec.); (2) "Talavera."

2 *Miles Relay:* (1) "Neuve Chapelle" (10 min. 29 sec.); (2) "Vittoria."

High Jump: "Neuve Chapelle."

Long Jump: "Neuve Chapelle."

Tug-of-War: "Neuve Chapelle."

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INTER-DEPOT BOXING CUP—THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS' TEAM

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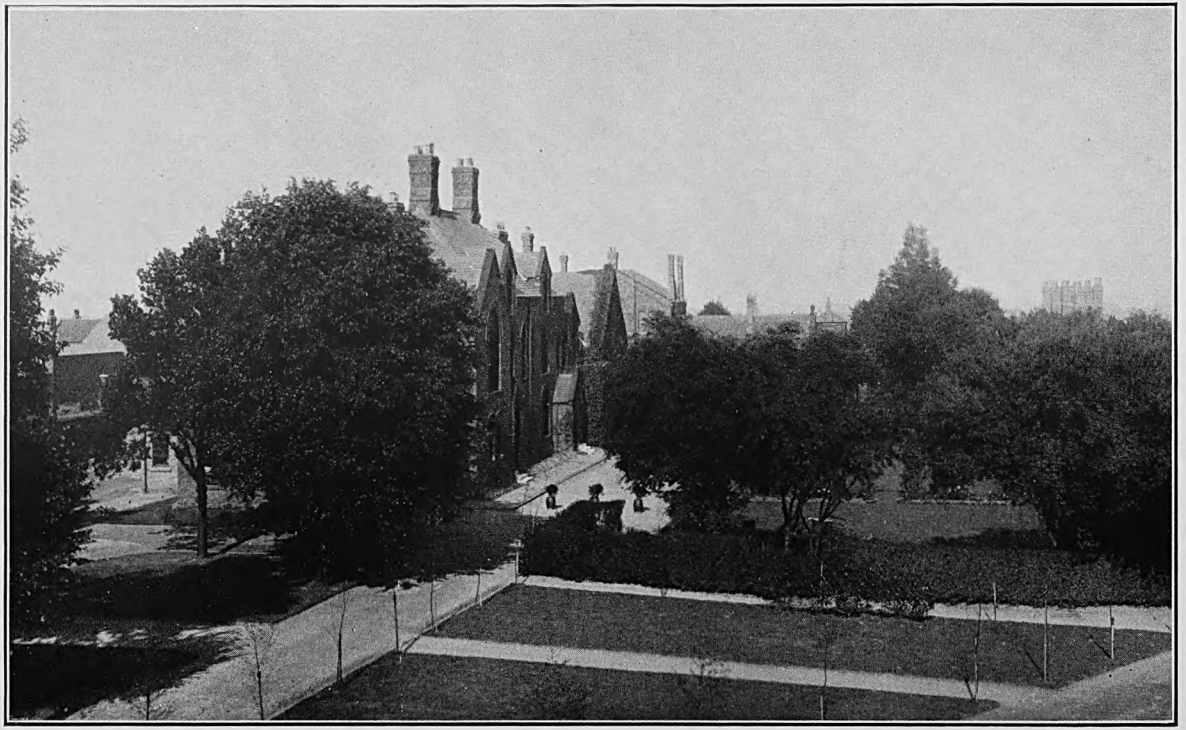

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The Winning Squad: "Neuve Chapelle," 21 Points.
2nd: "Vittoria," 14 Points.
3rd: "Talavera," 12 Points.

Individual Events

100 *Yards:* (1) Corpl. Cruddas (11⅖ sec.); (2) Pte. Cotton.
440 *Yards:* (1) Pte. Cotton (1 min. 3⅘ sec.); (2) Pte. Loundes.
880 *Yards:* (1) L.Corpl. Glover (2 min. 29⅗ sec.); (2) Pte. Stutt.
1 *Mile:* (1) Pte. Clarke (Depot Staff) (4 min. 50 sec.); (2) Pte. Cartwright.
Long Jump: (1) Corpl. Cruddas (18 ft. 10 in.); (2) Pte. Cotton (18 ft. 4 in.).
High Jump: (1) L.Corpl. Glover (4 ft. 10 in.); (2) Pte. Compton (4 ft. 8 in.).
Throwing the Cricket Ball: (1) Corpl. Cruddas (97 yards); (2) Pte. Loundes (89 yards).
Putting the Shot: (1) Corpl. Cruddas (24 ft. 1 in.); (2) Pte. Robinson (22 ft. 3 in.).
Sack Race: (1) Pte. Turnill; (2) Pte. Woods; (3) Pte. Priest.
Three-Legged Race: (1) Ptes. Turnill and Wright; (2) Ptes. Bloor and Brookes.
Potato Race: (1) Pte. Mason; (2) Pte. Greaves; (3) Pte. Compton.

Tennis

The two new hard courts have proved a great success, and the Officers' Mess grass court, after enlarging, levelling and re-turfing in places, is now one of the best in Derbyshire.

In addition to numerous tennis parties, an interesting fixture list of matches was arranged, including Inter-Depot and club matches, as well as four games of mixed doubles against house-party teams.

An American Tournament was held at the Depot on 16th and 17th June, to which some one hundred and sixty people came; the weather was glorious and the two days were a great success.

Great enthusiasm has been shown by the W.O.'s and Other Ranks, who are allotted one of the two hard courts daily

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throughout the week, and on Sundays have both courts placed at their disposal.

It is regretted that the result of our annual Officers versus Sergeants match cannot be given, as it is not being held until the first week in October.

The following represented the Depot :—

Major R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O., Captain E. E. Sullivan-Tailyour, M.C., Captain N. A. McD. Walker, Lieut. R. M. Ingall, Lieut. R. T. K. Pye.

The fixture list was as follows :—

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.
15th May.	Repton Masters . .	Away	Won 7–2
1st June.	De Shearwood's Team .	Home	Won 5–4
13th June.	Duffield Club . . .	Home	Lost 4–5
16th June.	Depot Tournament		
17th June.	Depot Tournament		
19th June.	Duffield Club (Mixed) .	Away	Drawn
20th June.	Mrs. Snook (Mixed Doubles)	Away	Lost 3–6
23rd June.	Mrs. Bourne (Mixed Doubles)	Away	Lost 2–7
24th June.	Repton Masters . .	Home	Drawn
6th July.	Mrs. Snook (Mixed Doubles)	Away	Cancelled
22nd July.	Mrs. Bourne (Mixed Doubles)	Away	Cancelled
26th Aug.	Lichfield Garrison . .	Away	Cancelled
9th Sept.	Depot, Lincoln Regt. .	Away	Cancelled
11th Sept.	Lichfield Garrison . .	Home	Won 2–1
	Depot, Lincoln Regt. .	Home	—
7th Oct.	Lichfield Garrison . .	Away	—
20th Oct.	Depot, Leicester Regt. .	Home	—

Fencing

During the winter months a Fencing Class was organized under C.S.M. I. Thompson, assisted by Corpl. Degg and L.Corpl. Osman. Classes were held twice a week and included the following members :—

Major R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O., Captain E. E. Sullivan-Tailyour, M.C., R.S.M. W. A. Laws, M.M., Sergts. Hughes and Hunt, L.Sergt. Guiblin, Corpl. Cruddas, L.Corpl. Lake.

The classes re-commenced on 1st November.

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The Sherwood Foresters Historical Fund Balance Sheet

Receipts	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit Brought Forward	47	5	0
Subscriptions	24	0	0
Sale of *Annual*	0	5	0
Total	£71	10	0

Expenditure	£	s.	d.
A. H. Baldwin, Ensign Lewis' Medal	4	9	0
W. W. Winter, Photographs	4	2	3
Bank Charges	0	2	0
Central Education Co., Album, etc.	2	8	2
R. Slade, Work in Museum	1	10	0
F. Brown, Frieze in Museum	1	3	0
B. Bowd, Picture-frame	0	6	6
P.R.I. Depot, Refund for Scroll, etc.	1	3	6
Insurance	0	8	0
Army Historical Research Society	1	1	0
Balance Credit as per Bank Certificate	54	16	7
Total	£71	10	0

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The Regimental Historical Fund

The only acquisition made since the report in last year's *Annual* is the Army of India Medal, 1799–1826, which belonged to Ensign R. Lewis, 45th Regiment. This medal is in the possession of the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion. Assistance was also given to the Regimental Museum in framing and preparing certain exhibits. In the absence of a quorum, no meeting was held on the occasion of the last Old Comrades' Association Church Parade.

Births

Pte. R. Hardy, son, Joseph William; Pte. W. Waters, daughter, Peggy Dorothy; L.Sergt. H. Allen, son, John Raymond; Pte. W. Jollands, son, Frank; Sergt. H. Heath, daughter, Brenda; L.Corpl. J. Shepperson, son, Ian James; L.Sergt. D. Andrews, daughter, Mavis Patricia; L.Corpl. W. Tuckwood, son, Peter Bramwell.

Marriages

Pte. R. Espley to Ethel Mullineaux, at Stafford; L.Corpl. C. Lake to Abigail Dunnicliff, at Derby; Corpl. F. Sturgess to Margaret Gofton, at West Hartlepool; R.Q.M.S. J. Hallam to Winifred May Jarvis, at Derby.

Promotions and Appointments

Sergt. J. Campbell appointed Orderly Room Sergeant, 30.4-30.

L.Sergt. A. Young promoted Sergeant, 20.11.29.

Promoted to Corporal: L.Corpl. H. Ledger, 27.9.30; L.Corpl. C. Glenn, 8.1.30; L.Corpl. J. Shepperson, 22.5.30.

Courses of Instruction

School of Hygiene: 4962891 Pte. G. Smith (Water Duties).

A.S. of P.T.: Corpl. G. Cruddas (Boxing), 10.12.29.

S.A. School, Hythe Wing: L.Sergt. A. Dodds, 28.3.30; L.Sergt. J. Slack, 13.6.30.

School of Cookery: Pte. J. Batty (Officers' Mess Cooks' Course).

Changes

Officers.

Lieut. R. E. Tufnell from 1st Battalion *vice* Lieut. R. B. Sanders to the King's African Rifles.

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Other Ranks.

To Discharge and Army Reserve: C.Sergt. (O.R.S.) E. L. Lound, M.M., L.Sergt. F. Cokayne, Pte. C. Fowkes, Pte. J. Melville, Pte. A. Knowles.

To 1st Battalion: C.S.M. R. Slade, Sergt. J. Miller, Sergt. E. Bradbury, L.Sergt. S. Flude, L.Sergt. H. Allen, L.Sergt. C. Quinn, Corpl. F. Sturgess, L.Corpl. A. Smith, L.Corpl. J. Shepperson, Corpl. N. Degg, L.Corpl. J. Patilla, Pte. W. Waters, Pte. R. Hollingsworth, Pte. H. Grainger, Pte. R. Oulton, Pte. J. Creswick, Pte. J. Dobson, Pte. S. Smith (13), Pte. D. Matthews.

From 1st Battalion: C.S.M. J. Smith, Sergt. (O.R.C.) J. Campbell, L.Sergt. D. Andrews, Corpl. G. Cruddas, Corpl. A. Sargent, Corpl. H. Hall, Corpl. R. Ash, Corpl. P. McMahon, L.Corpl. G. Buttress, L.Corpl. H. Stubley, Pte. J. Dyche, Pte. J. Burton, Pte. E. Richardson, Pte. E. Clark, Pte. S. West, Pte. L. Gibson, Pte. J. Fairclough, Pte. J. Cross.

Officers' Luncheon Party at Regimental Depot, 19th October, 1930

Left to Right

(*Back Row.*)—Captain A. de B. Morris, Lieut. R. M. Ingall, Captain R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., Captain N. A. McD. Walker, Captain J. R. Chidlaw-Roberts, M.C., Lieut. W. M. E. Denison, Lieut. and Adjutant R. T. K. Pye, Captain L. Jacques, M.C.

(*Middle Row.*)—Lieut. and Quartermaster C. A. Warmer, D.C.M., M.M., Captain A. S. Giles, M.C., Captain E. Barringer, Lieut. A. F. Fielding, Major R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O., Major J. N. Meares, Major J. W. Keith, Captain A. S. Edwards, M.C., Captain P. N. White, Captain E. E. Sullivan-Tailyour, M.C.

(*Front Row.*)—Lieut.-Col. R. T. Foster, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. H. Morton, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. L. C. Brewill, T.D., Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., Colonel H. W. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-General Sir W. R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., Colonel A. C. Clarke, T.D., Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Wayte, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E.

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5TH BATTALION NOTES

FOR the first time since the War the Battalion finds itself at full establishment, the present strength being 584. 169 Recruits have joined and 129 have been discharged.

OFFICERS

The following Officers have passed for promotion as stated during the year :—

Captain and Adjutant R. V. L. Hutchings, M.C. : Subject " C " (Practical).

Captain W. T. Greenfield : Subject " C " (Practical).

Captain M. D. Kemp : Subject " C " (Practical).

Captain J. H. Roe : Subject " C " (Practical.)

Captain B. D. Shaw, M.M. : Subject " C " (Practical).

Lieut. D. H. O. Bishop : Passed for Captain.

Lieut. V. H. Ward : Passed for Captain.

Lieut. A. H. Hunt : Passed for Captain.

2nd Lieut. R. C. A. Geach : Passed for Captain.

2nd Lieut. C. R. Dickinson : Passed for Captain.

2nd Lieut. J. N. Clark-Maxwell : Passed for Captain.

2nd Lieut. P. M. Robinson : Passed for Captain.

2nd Lieut. F. W. Barnett : Passed for Captain.

2nd Lieut. J. W. S. Fletcher : Passed for Captain.

2nd Lieut. G. B. Buckston : Certificate " A."

PROMOTIONS

Captain H. H. Lilly promoted Major 1.4.30.

Captain and Quartermaster J. W. Keith promoted Major 30.4.30.

2nd Lieut. C. R. Dickinson promoted Lieutenant 29.6.30.

COMMISSIONED

2nd Lieut. P. E. Holt, posted B Company.

2nd Lieut. H. W. King, posted D Company.

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TRANSFERS

Lieut. D. H. O. Bishop to 62nd N.M. Field Brigade R.A., 25.11.29.

Captain P. J. Stokes, R.A.M.C., to 137th Field Ambulance, 16.8.30.

Lieut. T. Powditch to T.A. Reserve.

RESIGNATIONS

Lieut. A. H. Hunt.

RELIEFS (ADJUTANT)

Captain R. V. L. Hutchings, M.C., relieved by Captain A. S. Edwards, M.C., 15.4.30.

GENERAL

The Officers' Ball was held at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, on the 9th January, 1930, and 250 were present.

Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., and Captain A. S. Edwards, M.C., attended the 139th Brigade Tactical Exercise at Ulverston on 9th/10th May, 1930.

The Sergeants' Mess and Recreation Room at Derby were reopened with R.Q.M.S. Jenks as Steward on the 7th December, 1929. The Sergeants were very fortunate in being allotted the old Officers' Mess as their new Headquarters. The new arrangements are running very well and both clubs are now on a sound footing. The Past and Present Sergeants' 1st V.B. and 5th Battalion Association have firmly established themselves in the new quarters and there is every promise of a series of well-attended social events throughout the winter.

ANNUAL RETREAT, DERBY MARKET PLACE

The time-honoured ceremony of beating Retreat was observed by the Band and Drums in Derby Market Place on the 16th June, 1930.

So large was the crowd that many thousands could only catch a fleeting glimpse of the marching and counter-marching, but everyone could enjoy the music provided, with its stirring bugle calls and rolling drums.

The Rt. Hon. J. Bruce, M.C., ex-Prime Minister of Aus-

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tralia, who watched from a window of Police headquarters, said it was one of the most impressive things he had seen for a long time.

A great rectangle was cleared in the centre of the square and here the Band marched and counter-marched in slow and quick time while they played the slow march from "Iolanthe," the "Aldershot" Quick March, The Regimental March and many other tunes.

Band-Master S. Howarth and Drum-Major P. Phillips were in command.

Police and a large picquet in uniform from the Battalion kept back the packed crowd. Windows all round the Market Place were crowded. Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., and Mrs. Kerr had a distinguished party of guests at Police headquarters, including the Rt. Hon. J. Bruce and Mrs. Bruce, Major-General Sir Percy O. Hambro, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., and Lady Hambro, Brig.-General G. Meynell, C.M.G., and Mrs. Meynell, Lieut.-Colonel C. Herbert-Stepney, D.S.O., D.L., and Mrs. Herbert-Stepney, Lieut.-Colonel H. Rudgard and Mrs. Rudgard, Major A. A. Walton, Captain and Adjutant A. S. Edwards, M.C., and Mrs. Edwards, Captain J. A. E. Drury-Lowe and Mrs. Drury-Lowe, and Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Brewill, T.D.

The names of those present, in the illustration facing this page, who were present at Retreat Beating at Derby, 16th June, are as follows:—

(*Left to Right.*)—Captain J. A. E. Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Drury-Lowe, Major-General Sir Percy O. Hambro, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., Lady Hambro, Mrs. Bruce, The Rt. Hon. J. Bruce, M.C. (Ex-Prime Minister of Australia), Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D.

Opening of New Drill Hall at Ilkeston

In the absence through illness of the Duke of Devonshire, Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, the opening ceremony was performed on the 21st June, 1930, by Colonel H. W. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O.

The Band, Drums and Regimental Colour (carried by 2nd Lieut. G. B. Buckston) paraded with the guard-of-honour

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under the command of Captain J. H. Roe at the Old Drill Hall, marching to the New Drill Hall in Albert Street. On the arrival of Colonel Watson the Band played the "Salute," followed by a slow march, during which the guard-of-honour was inspected.

Other Officers present were Brig.-General W. Wright-Bemrose, V.D., D.L., Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Lewis, C.M.G., V.D., Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Marsden, O.B.E., Lieut.-Colonel G. Mosley, T.D., Lieut.-Colonel H. Rudgard, Lieut.-Colonel C. Herbert-Stepney, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel L. E. Barnes, O.B.E. (representing Major-General Sir Percy O. Hambro, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., commanding 46th North Midland Division), Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., Major F. G. Robinson, Major J. W. Keith, Major H. H. Lilly, Major F. H. Sutherland, Captain N. A. McD. Walker, Captain W. T. Greenfield, Captain and Adjutant A. S. Edwards, M.C., Lieuts. P. M. Robinson, R. C. A. Geach, V. H. Ward and Mr. E. Barnes (Territorial Association), Captain T. Thornton, M.C.

Colonel Kerr expressed disappointment at the absence of the Duke and said he received a message that morning stating that His Grace had been taken ill and the doctor would not hear of him attending. The Duke wished him to say how extremely disappointed he was, as he was most anxious to renew acquaintance with the Battalion he last met a mile behind the lines in France in 1916.

Colonel Watson shared in the disappointment and took the opportunity of saying that the Territorial Army was definitely part and parcel of the British Army and was perhaps its most precious and most valuable part.

The names of those present, in the illustration facing this page, at the opening of the new Drill Hall at Ilkeston on the 21st June are as follows:—

(*Back Row.*)—Major F. H. Sutherland, Capt. N. A. McD. Walker, Lieut. R. B. Sanders, Capt. W. T. Greenfield, Major F. G. Robinson, Captain and Adjutant A. S. Edwards, M.C., Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Lewis, C.M.G., V.D., Capt. J. H. Roe, 2nd Lieut. W. Smith-Gleeson, Capt. T. Thornton, M.C., Lieut. R. C. A. Geach, Major and Qr.-Mr. J. W. Keith.

(*Seated.*)—Lieut.-Colonel G. Mosley, T.D., Lieut.-Colonel

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C. Herbert-Stepney, D.S.O., D.L., Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., Colonel H. W. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel L. E. Barnes, O.B.E., Brig.-General W. Wright Bemrose, Major H. H. Lilly.

(*In Front.*)—2nd Lieut. G. B. Buckston, 2nd. Lieut. P. M. Robinson, Lieut. V. H. Ward.

RIFLE MEETING, BELPER RANGE, 22ND JUNE, 1930

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held as usual at Belper Range on Sunday, 22nd June, and the shooting was well above the average.

The following are the Cup Winners and chief prize winners :—

Lewis Gun Cup

Winner.	Individual Prizes.
B Company.	1st Prize, C Company.

Recruits Cup

Winner.	Individual Prizes.
B Company.	1st, Rec. Smith, B Company. 2nd, Rec. Hill, C Company. 3rd, Rec. Smith, C Company.

W.O.'s and Sergts.' Cup

Winner.	Individual Prizes.
B Company.	1st, C.S.M. Handley, A Company. 2nd, C.Q.M.S. Frost, C Company. 3rd, Sergt. Coxon, A Company.

Junior N.C.O.'s and Men's Cup

Winner.	Individual Prizes.
B Company.	1st, Corpl. Bull, A Company. 2nd, Corpl. Glossop, C Company. 3rd, Pte. Kenworthy, B Company.

Officers' Cup

Winner.	Individual Prizes.
Captain B. D. Shaw, M.M.	2nd, Lieut. Clark-Maxwell, A Company. 3rd, Captain A. S. Edwards, M.C.

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Regulars—Depot and P. Staff

Individual Prizes.

1st, C.S.M. Rose.
2nd, Sergt. Hickman.
3rd, Sergt. Old.

Inter-Company Rifle Cup

	Scores.
1st, B Company	631
2nd, C Company.	560
3rd, D Company.	508
4th, A Company.	469
5th, H.Q. Wing	466

The Vernon Cup

	Scores.
1st, B Company	769
2nd, C Company.	663
3rd, A Company.	564
4th, D Company.	544
5th, H.Q. Wing	466

Vickers Gun Cup

1st, No. 2 Platoon.
2nd, No. 3 Platoon.
3rd, No. 1 Platoon,
4th, No. 4 Platoon.

SPORTS

The Battalion did very well in the Brigade Sports, but was beaten by the 8th Battalion in the Final of the Football Competition (4–5). We redeemed ourselves, however, by walking away with the Brigade Cross-Country Run, our placings being 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 17, 18 and 21. Ptes. Briggs, "B," and Armstrong, "A," qualified for prizes, which were presented by General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien. We were beaten by the 6th Battalion in the Tug-of-War, unfortunately losing a man during the pull. The "John Kerr Football Cup" was won by B Company from "C" (2–0). Ptes. Briggs, "B," Armstrong, "A," and Baldwin, "D," finished in the order stated in the Battalion Cross-Country Run.

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Officers' Annual Dinner

The Regimental Dinner was held at The Midland Hotel, Derby, on the 18th July. The following are some of the guests who attended:—

Colonel H. W. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 139th Brigade (T.A.), Lieut.-Colonel E. Mocatta, O.B.E., and Major D. M. Sole, D.S.O., representing 46th North Midland Division, Lieut.-Colonel C. Herbert-Stepney, Derbyshire Territorial Association, Captain N. A. McD. Walker and Lieut. R. B. Sanders from The Regimental Depot, Captain J. A. E. Drury-Lowe and Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Hetherington.

During the Dinner, Brig.-General W. Wright-Bemrose presented to Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Kerr, M.C., T.D., and the Officers of the Battalion a small flag which has a very interesting history.

The flag was carried by a party of the 1st Company of the 1st Derbyshire Volunteers at the first review of Volunteers held by H.M. Queen Victoria in Hyde Park in 1860—a year after the formation of the Volunteer Movement. It was an unofficial flag and it is believed to be the only one present on that parade and as far as is known has not since been used in its seventy years of existence.

The General suggested that, as a symbol, it no doubt represented to our predecessors the same loyalty, esprit de corps and determination to "carry on" which animated them to-day, and which has resulted in the Territorials, who had proved such worthy successors, winning their spurs in South Africa and the Great War.

The flag, which is about eighteen inches square, mounted on a short staff, is of crimson silk on which is painted in gold and brown the badge of that date enclosing a figure "6" surmounted by the Derbyshire Rose. The "6" denotes that the first company of the Derbyshire Rifle Volunteers was the 6th in order of formation in the country. It seems unfortunate that this early position has been lost in the present badge, for it was much to be proud of.

In presenting the flag the General hoped that the sentiment which attached to it would be sufficient to ensure its careful preservation, and that it would be cherished as one of the Battalion's most valuable possessions.

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Bisley

In 1929 the Battalion was represented at Bisley by two Lewis Gun teams (one of which obtained second place in the Territorial Section) and seven riflemen, of whom only one, C.S.M. Handley, obtained a place in the prize lists in the service section. Later at the Derbyshire Civilian Rifle Club's Meeting at Trent the first seven prizes in the Serving Territorials Competition were won by men of this unit. This experience bore fruit in "The John Hall Cup," which was won for the first time by this unit, the score constituting a record for the competition.

Summary

Bisley

Captain B. D. Shaw, M.M., C.S.M. J. Handley, C.Q.M.S. G. Frost, Corpl. T. Bull and Corpl. Glossop won prizes with the service rifle. Captain B. D. Shaw, M.M., won the Astor Gold Medal, Cup and other Prizes—small-bore.

Derbyshire Meeting

Captain B. D. Shaw, M.M., C.S.M. Handley, Sergt. A. L. Brown, Corpl. T. Bull and Corpl. Glossop won prizes.

"John Hall Cup"

Since lost by one point, although scoring 17 more than last year's record score.

C.S.M. J. Handley won a silver, gold centre, medal for the highest individual score.

Captain B. D. Shaw, M.M., won a silver medal for second highest score.

Gift of Plate

On Thursday, 24th July, a tea was given at The Midland Hotel by the Ladies of the Battalion, during the course of which a presentation was made on behalf of the mothers, wives and sisters of past and present officers of four suitably inscribed silver salvers in an oak case.

War History

August saw the publication of The War History, 1914–18, copies of which are obtainable from the Secretary, War History Committee, Drill Hall, Derby.

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Dartmouth Cup

In this competition our Signallers were fourth in the Command and first in the Division last year.

This year the figure of merit is 17 points higher than last and we have great hopes of being first in the Command.

Camp

Camp this year was at Ulverston, in the Lake District, and the attendance was excellent; 552 attended the first week and 555 attended the second week, making a total of 95 per cent. attending camp, excluding Officers and P.S.I.s.

Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O., Captain H. Carter, Captain W. M. Robinson, Lieutenant and Adjutant E. H. Collins, and Captain F. H. Vinden (Suffolk Regt.) were attached to assist in the training.

Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster was Chief Umpire.

R.S.M. A. Stevenson came as Instructor in sword drill and gave many demonstrations of fencing, assisted by some of the experts from the 1st Battalion.

The Battalion took part in two brigade schemes, when the lessons learnt in the company and battalion training proved very useful.

The attachment of the Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.O.s of the 1st Battalion was of great value and the assistance given was greatly appreciated.

The Band and Drums did remarkably well at the various Retreat Beatings and can be relied upon for any similar function.

It was by special request this year that they provided the music for the Derbyshire Agricultural Show on the 25th and 26th July, and the Retreat Beating on the Show Ground on the 26th was a credit to the Battalion.

Again at Ulverston their example contributed greatly to the success of Retreat Beating by the massed Bands and Drums of the Brigade.

The Brigade Ceremonial on the 9th August will be remembered by all, not only for the smoothness with which it was carried out and the complimentary remarks of all who witnessed it, but for the fact that it was the last time we should march past our Colonel-in-Chief.

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5TH BATTALION, ILKESTON—INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOUR BY COLONEL H. W. M. WATSON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
21ST JUNE, 1930

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Only two days afterwards we were to hear of his regrettable accident and death.

Memorial Service

to

General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O.,

colonel of the sherwood foresters

The Memorial Service to General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of The Sherwood Foresters, was held at the Cathedral, Derby, on Sunday, 17th August, at 3 p.m. Remarkable scenes were witnessed outside the Cathedral when representatives of the Depot, the 5th (T.A.) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters, the British Legion, and the Old Comrades' Association paid their last tribute to their late Colonel, who died following serious injuries in a motor accident near Chippenham. Huge crowds struggled to gain admittance to the Service, and mounted police had to use all their resources to keep the people back. Several times the crowd attempted to rush the gates and many ex-service men had to climb over the churchyard railings. Others had to be assisted by the police through the crowds. The 5th Battalion The Sherwood Foresters, with 15 Officers and 320 Other Ranks under the command of Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., marched from the Drill Hall, followed by the Old Comrades' Association, Imperial Veterans' Association, Past and Present Sergeants' Association and the British Legion.

Headed by the Band and Drums the contingent marched to the Cathedral.

The body of the Cathedral was occupied by the Regular Army and Territorials and the aisles were practically filled by the other Associations and Ex-Service Men. The Cathedral was inadequate to accommodate all the people who desired to attend. Only a few seats were available for the general public, and hundreds were unable to obtain admission.

Amongst those present were the Duke of Devonshire (Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Derbyshire and Honorary Colonel

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of the 5th Battalion (T.A.) The Sherwood Foresters), The Deputy Mayor (Alderman A. Sturgess), Brig.-General E. C. Wathall, Brig.-General Godfrey Meynell, General W. Wright-Bemrose, Colonel H. Marsden, Major F. R. Anley (Chief Constable of Derbyshire), Colonel T. C. Newbold, Colonel Forman, Mr. E. Stuart Bowring, Mr. C. B. Marshall, Mr. L. Russell, Mr. J. P. T. Michie, Alderman W. R. Raynes, Alderman O. Ling, Councillor and Mrs. Petty, Councillor F. Smith, Councillor H. Haskard, Councillor R. Wilkinson, and Councillor Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bourne-Wheeler, Mrs. Roy, Mrs. Sullivan-Tailyour, Captain and Mrs. Waterman, Colonel G. A. Lewis, Major Dalby, Colonel J. Goodman.

The Depot was under the command of Captain E. Sullivan-Tailyour, M.C. (representing Major-General Sir P. O. Hambro, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., commanding 46th North Midland Division).

Other Officers on parade were Captain N. A. McD. Walker (The Depot), Lieut. R. E. Tufnell and Lieut. and Qr.Mr. C. A. Warmer, D.C.M., M.M.

Officers of the 5th Bn. the Sherwood Foresters (T.A.) on parade included Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., Major F. H. Sutherland, Major H. H. Lilly, Major and Qr.Mr. J. W. Keith, Captain and Adjutant A. S. Edwards, M.C., Captain W. T. Greenfield, Captain J. H. Roe, Captain B. D. Shaw, M.M., Captain P. J. Stokes, R.A.M.C., Lieuts. V. H. Ward, C. R. Dickinson, R. C. A. Geach, G. B. Buckston, F. W. Barnett, and J. W. S. Fletcher.

The Derby V.A.D. were also represented.

The clergy present were the Archdeacon of Derby (Ven. E. S. Noakes) and the Vicar of the Cathedral, Canon H. Ham.

Archdeacon's Address

Preaching from the text, " What mean ye by this service ? " the Archdeacon said :—

" Deeply implanted in the human heart is the desire to give honour to whom honour is due. To give expression to such desire is the meaning of our Service this afternoon. We are not only mourning the death of a great man, but honouring the work of one who has been acknowledged by all who knew him as ' a great Christian soldier and gentleman.' The career

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of Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien as a soldier was a remarkable one—from the time he was commissioned to The Sherwood Foresters in 1876 to his retirement, a few years ago. Nearly fifty years of active service on behalf of his Country is in itself no common record. Already the story of the campaigns in which he took part as a young man is fading from the Nation's memory, or rather is being overshadowed by more recent terrible experiences. But if time dims the story it cannot dim the glory which shines around such names as Isandhlwana, Omdurman, Paardeberg and Le Cateau of a much later date. To the glory which attaches to these names and to many others, Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien contributed a large share. But this is not the moment to make a detailed list of the campaigns in which he took part and which he was largely instrumental in bringing to a victorious issue. They are enrolled in the history of the British Army and in the records of his Regiment, and go to prove the unanimous opinion of those competent to judge, that he was a great Christian soldier and a Christian gentleman, whose character permeated and sweetened all his relationship to life and service. He loved his men, therefore they loved him. Was not this the real secret of his influence as a successful leader? And this love continued after his retirement from active service. Members of the British Legion and Old Comrades' Association can testify to this. His visit to those of you who were recently encamped at Ulverston will ever live in your memory as his last personal touch with his beloved Regiment. When we of this generation are forgotten, the lights which from time to time flash from the Memorial on Crich Cliff will remind Derbyshire of his devoted service. The only occasion on which I had the pleasure of meeting the General was nearly two years ago, after a service at Normanton Church connected with the Colours of the Regiment. When the service was over he came over and spoke to me about it, and I treasure the memory of his gracious manner and words.

"A Christian gentleman! The testimony of the Bishop of North and Central Europe confirms this. He writes: 'The Anglican Church in Brittany has lost a large-hearted Christian gentleman, whose sound judgment, kindly candour and simple piety were a help and inspiration.'

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"I wish someone who knew him intimately had addressed you on this occasion and could have revealed to you the nobility of his private life. But you who knew him best, will appreciate him best, and need not the testimony of others. What we all know is that he was a worthy son of his Fatherland whose name will be enrolled on the list of Britain's famous soldiers; that his life and character shine out as an inspiration for this and future generations. So our Memorial Service calls upon us to put aside the spirit of mourning and to be filled with a spirit of thankfulness for the life of this great Christian soldier and gentleman, your late Colonel-in-Chief, who on Tuesday last passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

The service concluded with the Benediction, and the buglers outside the doors of the Cathedral sounded the Last Post. The huge crowd stood bareheaded as the bugle notes rang out. A few minutes later the Réveillé was sounded and the Funeral March was played.

The Duke of Devonshire's Address

After the service several of the Associations dispersed, but the Regulars marched through the Market Place to Normanton Barracks followed by throngs of people. The 5th Battalion, together with Officers and headed by the Band and Drums, under Drum-Major Phillips, marched to the Drill Hall, Becket Street, where they were addressed by the Duke of Devonshire, Honorary Colonel of the Battalion.

His Grace was attired in the dress of Lord-Lieutenant of the County.

The public were not admitted to the Hall and apart from a number of British Legion members only soldiers were present.

The Duke of Devonshire, addressing the men, congratulated them on their appearance on that sad occasion. He was not only closely associated with The Sherwood Foresters, but was always ready to help any of the troops in the County. He deeply regretted that, owing to an unfortunate accident, the General's brilliant and distinguished career was brought to such an untimely end.

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Continuing, the Duke again complimented the men on their smart appearance. The Territorial Army was a big factor of the British forces, and while he hoped they would never have to go through such an ordeal as that of 1914–18 they had to be prepared for any emergency and to attain the highest degree of efficiency. He hoped however that they would not be called on to undergo such an ordeal for many years to come.

Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., thanked the Duke for his address, and also thanked all ranks for their splendid response and turn-out that afternoon.

Headquarter Wing

The " strength " return in this Company shows a gratifying improvement. In fact, the establishment laid down could have been completed but, owing to surplus in other Companies, the strength of the Wing before camp was twelve under establishment. As double this number had to be declined temporarily, there is every promise of a 100 per cent. return when next these notes appear.

The Signal Section has gone on from strength to strength, the " passing-out " test figures at camp being an improvement on the previous year when they were first in the Division and fourth in the Northern Command. Doubtless other Signal Sections have made equal progress, but it will be interesting to see where our Signallers figure this year.

The newly formed Intelligence Section has been favourably commented upon by the " Powers that be."

The Band has been much in demand locally, and has also played several times at the Depot.

Together with the Drums they gave the Annual Retreat Beating in Derby Market Place on the 16th June.

The Transport Section appears to be suffering from change of command, three sergeants in three years, but it is hoped that present arrangements will now be definite and that this Section will regain the high standard maintained by the rest of the Wing.

A (M.G.) Company

This has been a great year for recruits, and our strength, when recruiting was finally stopped, was 105, making a total

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of 30 recruits actually attested. What is more pleasing is the excellent type of man who has joined, and there is no doubt now that Derby has at last turned the corner and is again becoming a stronghold for the Territorial Army.

Included in this year's training was a thirty-six hours' course, and this proved a great success.

We again held three Sunday field-days at Meynell Langley and, fortunately, the weather on each occasion was kind, enabling us to have good parades.

We were not so successful as last year at the Annual Musketry Meeting at Belper, although the sergeants were unfortunate in losing the Senior N.C.O.s' Cup by one point.

Church Parade was again held at Holy Trinity Church, the parade consisting of Band and Drums, Machine-Gun and Headquarter Wing, and the Holy Trinity Cadets.

The camp at Ulverston was much enjoyed by all ranks, and we were again indebted to the Regular Officers and N.C.O.s for their help and advice in the training. On returning to Derby at the end of camp, despite the wet weather, we received a great reception, thousands lining the streets, and this shows the interest which is now being taken in the Territorials.

With regard to the social side, a series of five dances was run at the Drill Hall; the one on New Year's Eve, when a large Officers' party and some seven hundred people all told were present, proved in particular a great success.

The Annual Dinner held at the Assembly Rooms was a very enjoyable affair and we were pleased to have with us, amongst some thirty guests, the Commanding Officer, Colonel Stepney, Colonel Rudgard, and the Chief Constable of Derby. The Chairman at the dinner spoke of the regret of all ranks that Captain Hutchings was returning to his Regiment, and assuring him that he would always be remembered by all present, wished him the best of good luck in the 1st Battalion.

B Company

1930, another successful year in which all previous records both in work and sport were broken, this was due to the keenness shown by all ranks.

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The Annual Company Dinner was held at the commencement of the training season, and although we missed our usual "rendezvous" it was a great success. The gathering was honoured by the presence of His Worship the Mayor of Ilkeston, Councillor Midgley, Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., Major F. G. Robinson, and many old friends and ex-members of the Company.

Owing to the fact that the Company was considerably over strength, recruiting was stopped early in the year after twenty-three men had been enlisted. A waiting list was then formed which has now reached lengthy proportions.

Three tactical exercises were carried out on Sundays at Locko Park (by kind permission of Captain J. Drury-Lowe).

The value of this training cannot be overestimated. On the last parade one day's pay was given to all the men who had completed their obligatory drills.

The chief event of the year was the removal to the new Drill Hall—a really fine place. No one was sorry to see the last of our old home with its twenty-six leaks.

The official opening of the new Hall was marred by the illness of His Grace The Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., T.D., who had graciously consented to perform the opening ceremony. Colonel H. W. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., the new brigade commander, deputized for him at practically a moment's notice. He was extremely pleased with the very smart guard-of-honour. The Regimental Colour and the Battalion Band and Drums were also present on parade. After the opening tea was provided and there was a very successful and enjoyable smoking concert in the evening.

We welcome 2nd Lieut. P. E. Holt, an Ilkestonian, who has been posted to the Company, and regret that Lieut. D. H. O. Bishop has left us, being transferred to the R.A.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting held at Belper the Company's teams swept the board. In previous years we have usually won four and sometimes five cups, but this year six cups—there were no more—were taken home. In addition to winning the cups the major portion of the prize money was also captured.

The teams were :—

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Recruits' Cup : Ptes. S. Smith, Instone, Rossell and Thompson. (Won by B Company.)

W.O.s' and Sergeants' Cup : Sergts. Brown, Savage and Fahy, L.Sergt. Keeling. (Won by B Company.)

Junior N.C.O.s' and Men's Cup : Ptes. Barnes, Butcher, Hufton, Kenworthy, Swift, Richmond, L.Corpl. Lee and Corpl. Fretwell. (Won by B Company.)

Lewis Gun Cup : L.Sergts. Keeling and Stanley, Sergt. Brown, Corpl. Fretwell, Ptes. Kenworthy and Hufton. (Won by B Company.)

Rifle Aggregate Cup : Won by B Company.

Vernon Cup : Grand Aggregate : Won by B Company.

The Annual Musketry was fired at Trent Range, where fine shooting was proved by the Company's following averages :—

	Averages.
Recruits	78·2
Trained Men (Rifle)	95·2
Trained Men (Lewis Gun)	25·2

The Company Rifle Cup was won by Sergt. Keeling and the Lewis Gun by L.Corpl. Protheroe.

The Company went to camp at Ulverston on the 27th July.

The success of the Football Team in winning the John Kerr Football Cup was well appreciated by the Company and its friends. Most of the team are recruits of the last two years. In addition to winning the Battalion Cup, the same team represented the Battalion in the Final of the Brigade Cup and was considered most unlucky to lose by the odd goal in seven, after extra time was played.

The Company won the Inter-Company Challenge Shield, presented to the best Company both in work and play.

We had barely settled down to civilian life when we heard of the death of General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, Colonel of The Sherwood Foresters. The great respect with which he was held was shown by the majority of the Company attending the Memorial Service at Derby Cathedral.

The courses held at the Depot for section leaders were attended by Sergt. Brown, L.Sergt. Stanley, Corpls. Fretwell and Hill, L.Corpls. Lee, Camp, Burton and Bowley,

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Ptes. Gigson and Butcher, and those for Company Cooks by Ptes. Bowley and Swift.

C Company

On looking back one finds that last year's notes end with our doings in camp at Carburton.

The first thing of any note this year was the way that the Company responded to the recruiting call. We had some 56 all ranks due for discharge, of which over 60 per cent. re-engaged. To replace those who decided to take their discharge a squad of 38 recruits was raised in the Company. It may be said in passing that the usual complaints were put forward by the men who have left us, namely the fall in bounty on re-engagement and also the fact that marriage allowance is not issued to married men under twenty-six years of age. We were sorry to lose most of these men, and if at any time they should feel like renewing their acquaintance with the Company we will be very pleased to see them.

The miniature range competition for spoons kindly presented by O.C. Company (Captain B. D. Shaw) was carried on during the close season and was accorded the usual support that is given to these competitions. The Company took part in the Miniature Range League that was organized in the Battalion during last winter, and as usual held its own.

The Company Dinner this year was a tremendous success. This function was held in the Drill Hall, at Ripley, and was attended by over ninety all ranks of the Company. The hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion by the Instructor (Sergt. Tippett) who must have spent a good deal of time in his efforts to turn the dismal Drill Hall into such a grand banqueting hall. All ranks did justice to the good fare provided. During the evening a telegram was despatched to His Majesty the King, offering the felicitations of the Company, to which His Majesty was very graciously pleased to reply. Officers and gentlemen present during the evening included Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., the Officer Commanding; Major F. H. Sutherland, Second-in-Command (Our old Company Commander); Captain R. V. L. Hutchings, M.C., Adjutant; Captains J. Roe, and M. Kemp; the

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Rev. J. D. Hawker, Chaplain; Alderman S. Shaw of Ilkeston and Mr. H. Stanley of Ripley.

Mr. Donoghue, a very old member of the Belper Company, was again present. Letters and telegrams of regret were received from various people during the evening including Colonel Harrington, the late Brigadier, and Mr. H. Wragg, the donor of our "Wragg Memorial Cup."

The Commanding Officer spoke very well of the Company in his speech, and hoped that the Company would keep up its reputation for hard work in the coming camp. He assured us that although we were not actually going to the seaside for our camp we would not be very far away, and furthermore we would not be dumped in the wild, as the town of Ulverston was only a matter of two and a half miles from camp. The toast of the "Company" was very well responded to by the O.C. Company (Captain Shaw), who was followed by C.S.M. Maycock (who will be remembered by the brevity of his speech) and also by Sergt. Tippett. The latter regretted that it was the last Company dinner that he expected to be able to attend as he is in his last year as instructor to the Company, and thanked all ranks, especially the C.S.M., for the way that they had supported him.

The "Visitors" was proposed by Lieut. A. H. Hunt and responded to by Captain Hutchings and Mr. Fearn.

Training proceeded apace during the summer and three good schemes were carried out at Alderwasley Park. The fourth scheme was rather washed out owing to the weather. Over ninety all ranks of the Company were present on this Sunday and after lunch proceeded to Crich to take part in the Annual Pilgrimage. It was a wretched day and great credit is due to all ranks who attended on this occasion. Needless to say, we all got wet through, but the spirit was not damped, as everybody had a little left to join in the usual community singing that we indulge in on return journeys.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting this year we had a little better luck than last, although the coveted cups are not yet destined to adorn our tables. Out of some £13 put up for competition the Company gained some £5, which is a good percentage, as it did not leave much to be divided between the other companies.

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Officers' Cup : 1st.
Recruits' Cup : 2nd. Two money prizes.
W.O.s' and Sergeant's : 3rd. One money prize.
Junior N.C.O.s' and Men : 2nd. Four money prizes.
Lewis Gun Cup : 2nd. 1st money prize.
Inter-Company Cup : 2nd.
Vernon Cup : 2nd.

In the Lewis Gun Competition the Company actually secured the first place, but as the cup was awarded for the aggregate of points obtained by two gun teams, we had to be content with second place. Our strength at the time of proceeding to camp was 112 (two below establishment), the decrease being due to that bogey-man " the unforeseen." We could have been well on strength had we been allowed, but owing to the cutting down of the Territorial Unit recruiting had to cease. The Company was the strongest in camp on percentage, and the sick during that period was negligible, so that the whole Company had the full benefit of the training. We did not get all the luck that was going, as we lost the Football Competition for the first time in three years, our victors being once again B Company. It may be said that it was by two goals that we lost.

The Tug-of-War resulted in an easy win once again for us, defeating both A and B Companies in two straight pulls.

The Company worked very well at camp, and when it is considered that 37 per cent. of the Company were recruits, it will not be to our discredit to know that we had to take second place in the Shield. We were very close this year, and if the Company only keep up the progress made this year there is no reason why we should not win it next year.

The weather was not all that one could have wished, but although the exterior got rather wet at times the spirit of the men could not be damped and nobody suffered physically. Many trips were made to Windermere, where many of the men saw the ill-fated *Miss England II*, the racing boat of the late Sir H. Seagrave, and also to Morecambe and Barrow.

A word or two about the Wragg Cup before we close. The conditions of this competition were slightly altered and the cup was put up for camp work only—Cleanliness of Lines,

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Guard Turn-out, Football and Tug-of-War being allotted points. The final placings were No. 12 Platoon (Lieut. Powditch), No. 9 (Sergt. Symonds), No. 11 (2nd Lieut. Inglefield) and No. 10 (Sergt. Hardy). Rather a reversal of form, as last year No. 12 Platoon was bottom and No. 10 Platoon top.

Everyone returned from camp looking very fit and satisfied, the only grouse being that the camp period is not long enough.

One other point worthy of note which must not be missed, and that is that the Company had the honour of furnishing a platoon to represent the Battalion in the Divisional Cup Competition.

There are but a few men for discharge this year and most have already signed re-engagement forms. No difficulty will be experienced in filling the vacancies that are being made in the Company, and one is very confident that by the time these notes are in print the Company will be up to strength and have a waiting list of recruits.

The Company was deeply shocked at the news of the tragic death of our late Colonel-in-Chief, General Sir Horace L. Smith-Dorrien, who looked so fit and well at the Annual Ceremonial Parade at Ulverston only four days previously.

The Company was represented at the Funeral Service in London by Corporal W. H. Beresford, and at the Memorial Service in Derby on the 17th August by sixty-eight of All Ranks.

Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers present with the Company at camp this year :—

Captain B. D. Shaw, M.M. (O.C. Company) ; Lieut. T. Powditch, No. 12 Platoon ; 2nd Lieut. G. S. Inglefield, No. 11 Platoon ; C.S.M. W. Maycock ; C.Q.M.S. G. Frost, Company Accountant ; Sergt. H. R. Tippett, P.S.I. ; Sergt. B. Symonds, No. 9 Platoon ; Sergt. G. Hardy, No. 10 Platoon ; Sergt. G. Ward and Sergt. H. Jackson.

D Company

D Company have held a very successful year, as they have this year managed to bring the Company up to one over establishment. Our actual numbers in camp were, however, two under establishment, as three men were granted leave on business grounds. To attain full strength we had to

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recruit nearly fifty, and we were very fortunate in getting a very keen lot of young men.

As most of the men whose time expires next year have already re-engaged, we shall only want about six men to be at full strength for next camp.

The only change among the officers to record is the promotion to Lieut. of 2nd Lieut. C. R. Dickinson, and we heartily congratulate this officer on his well-deserved promotion. Among the senior N.C.O.s Corpls. Webster and Lay were appointed L.Sergts.

The chief event after camp was the Company Dinner, which was held in the Town Hall, Swadlincote, on the 19th March. Among the guests were Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., Major Sutherland, Major Keith and Captain Hutchings, Mr. Herbert Wragg and Mr. John Hall.

The Annual Church Parade was held at Swadlincote Parish Church, on the 30th March. The Band and Drums played us to Church, and in the afternoon played selections in the Market Square.

During the winter months a Rifle Club was started at the Drill Hall, and several very interesting matches were held. The two most interesting ones being one against the Ashby Company of the 4th Leicestershire, and one against the members of H Company (the pre-war title of the present D Company), both of which we won. We intend this year to get this Club into proper running order, and hold more matches.

The Annual Musketry course was fired at Burton and very satisfactory averages were attained.

Three well-attended Sunday schemes were carried out at Staunton Harold (by kind permission of Earl Ferrers). There is no doubt that these contribute greatly to the present state of efficiency of the Company.

We were again unfortunate not to win any Cups at the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Belper this year, but we hope to do better next year.

The Wragg Inter-Platoon Cup was again won by No. 13 Platoon (Lieut. C. R. Dickinson).

The camp at Ulverston was thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks of the Company, the only regret was that it did not last a month.

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6TH BATTALION NOTES

THE outstanding event of the past year has been the great loss the Regiment has suffered in the death of General Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., our Colonel-in-Chief.

The Battalion was represented at the funeral service at St. Peter's, Eaton Square, by the following :—

Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D.; C.S.M. J. Maycock, B Company; C.S.M. R. C. Purdy, C Company; C.Q.M.S. J. B. Spencer, D Company; C.Q.M.S. C. F. Cooper, A Company; Drum-Major W. Hopkinson and Sergt. L. Arthurs, Headquarter Wing.

The following is an account, reprinted from the *Derbyshire Times*, of the Memorial Service held by the Battalion in Chesterfield :—

SHERWOOD FORESTERS' TRIBUTE TO GENERAL SIR H. L. SMITH-DORRIEN

CHESTERFIELD MEMORIAL SERVICE

"Sherwood Foresters, past and present, attended in large numbers at Chesterfield Parish Church on Sunday for the memorial service in memory of General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien. He was Colonel of the Regiment, and one of the last duties he fulfilled was to visit the Territorials' camp at Ulverston and inspect the troops, in whose welfare he took such great interest. Other ex-Servicemen were also present to pay tribute to the memory of a great soldier, and the Mayor and members of Chesterfield Corporation were amongst the large gathering in church.

"The military portion of the procession formed up at the Drill Hall. Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., was in command,

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and other officers of the 6th Battalion on parade were Major E. M. Brooke Taylor, M.C., T.D., second-in-command; Major W. Seaton, M.B.E., M.C., D.C.M.; Surgeon-Major A. W. Shea; Capt. R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., Adjutant; Capt. H. H. Jackson, M.C.; Capt. J. Clarke, D.S.O., M.C.; Lieut. F. Carline, Lieut. R. W. Laird and 2nd Lieuts. W. W. Houldsworth, O. V. Cockerton and P. E. G. Mather. The procession, headed by the drums and bugles under Drum-Major W. Hopkinson and the Battalion band under Band-Master L. Shepherd, stretched for a considerable distance along Ashgate Road and Saltergate; the Sherwood Foresters Old Comrades' Association turned out in good force, and there was a strong muster of the British Legion, together with the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the 4th Battalion Church Lads' Brigade. There was also a detachment from No. 2 Company of the 46th North Midland Divisional Signals.

"The ex-Servicemen's part of the procession was led by Colonel H. Tylden-Wright, the Old Comrades' Association being headed by Capt. W. N. Broomhead and Mr. R. Holmes, an executive member of the Chesterfield area, and the British Legion by Mr. Theo. Pearson (chairman of the local branch), Mr. J. J. Cox (deputy chairman), and Mr. W. Wells (assistant secretary). The Church Lads' Brigade, accompanied by their bugle band, were under Major J. Hydes, with Capt. W. Marsden second-in-command. The Chesterfield Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was under Supt. C. Edwards, together with Ambulance Officer C. E. Hughes.

"Upon arrival at the Parish Church, the procession was joined by the civic representatives, the Mayor (Councillor H. J. Watson) being accompanied by Aldermen Sir Ernest Shentall, W. Hawksley Edmunds, G. A. Eastwood, G. Clark and T. W. Lack, Councillors W. E. Taylor, W. Hill, S. A. Syddall and P. D. Stanton, the Town Clerk (Mr. J. L. Feather), the Chief Constable (Major F. S. James) and the Sports Manager (Mr. J. J. Caffery). Amongst the congregation were Colonel Hall, a former commanding officer of the 6th Battalion, Capt. H. E. Okeover, Colonel Nixon, Capt. H. D. Orr, Capt. W. Pitt and Mr. W. Jacques. Capt. G. J. Edmunds was unable to be present owing to absence from home.

"The church was filled. The service was taken by the

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Archdeacon of Chesterfield (Ven. G. H. Clayton). It opened with the hymn 'Soldiers of Christ, Arise,' and 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past' was sung prior to the address.

"'We come together to give thanks to God for the life and example of a great soldier, a great man and a devoted Christian,' began the Archdeacon. 'General Smith-Dorrien was a great soldier. That was known before the outbreak of the Great War. In that war he showed himself a greater soldier than men had realized. Three times in his life, at three critical moments, circumstances were against him. First, he was recommended for the Victoria Cross. He did not receive it because the recommendation was not sent through the proper channels, and those who received it were tied up with red tape. Secondly, in the Great War he reached conclusions which were not acceptable to his superior officer. It seemed clear now that his conclusions were right. But the disagreement lost him the opportunity of continuing his service in France. Thirdly, as he was on his way to take up a command in Africa he was taken seriously ill and had to come home again.

"'Three times, at three crucial moments fate seemed to fight against him. Yet what did these things matter to-day? The only thing that mattered was what he was, not what he did.

"'General Smith-Dorrien did more than any man to humanize the conditions of military service, and by what he did at Aldershot and on Salisbury Plain he had earned the gratitude of every soldier.

"Particularly addressing the Sherwood Foresters, the Archdeacon remarked: 'To you he was more than he was to others. For as your Colonel he had you in his heart. You will not soon forget that he came over from France especially to visit the Sherwood Foresters' Territorial Brigade in camp, and that his last duty was to inspect them. Such was the man you knew.

"'But there was more than this that many did not know,' continued the Archdeacon. 'He was a deeply religious man, a devoted Christian, and a Churchman. In the small British community in which he lived in France at the end of his life, he was the mainstay of the Church.'

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" Dr. J. Frederic Staton presided at the organ, and, following the singing of the hymn ' Stand Up ! Stand Up For Jesus ! ' the Battalion band, accommodated in the area below the organ loft, played the Dead March in ' Saul.' Buglers sounded ' The Last Post ' and ' Réveillé,' and no sooner had the echoes died away in the loftiness of the tower than the band and drums followed with a fanfare, finishing with the National Anthem.

" So impressively concluded a tribute to one of Britain's greatest soldiers, whose name will be indelibly written in history as a fine leader of men."

Since the last appearance of the *Annual*, we have been forced to say farewell to Colonel J. Harrington, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who has relinquished command of the Brigade at the expiration of his period of command. Colonel Harrington takes with him on his retirement the best wishes of every member of the 6th Battalion.

In his place we welcome Colonel W. H. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O. May his stay with this Brigade be a happy one.

Changes have been the order of the day during the past year, Captain J. D'A. Whicher, our last Adjutant, having completed his tour of duty in October last, being relieved by Captain R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., from the 2nd Battalion. Already very popular with all ranks, it is quite safe to say that our new Adjutant will leave his mark upon the 6th Battalion, and raise the already high standard of training still higher.

R.S.M. King, whose retirement to a well-earned pension was notified in last year's *Annual*, has been relieved by R.S.M. J. Sturges of the 1st Battalion, who has a family connection with us, as his father previously held the same appointment. During the past year the new R.S.M. has introduced several new features as " side lines " to training. Under his instruction fencing classes have been formed, and he is also encouraging rifle shooting, both service and miniature. Himself a fine shot, he bids fair to train a Battalion team which, with a little more practice and confidence, will hold its own in any company.

Sergt. J. Webb has been relieved by Sergt. Johnson, also

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from the 1st Battalion. Under his instruction our new M.G. Company has reached a high standard of efficiency. Unfortunately illness prevented Sergt. Johnson's attendance at Annual Training, where his absence was greatly felt by all ranks of the Company. Every one wishes him better luck in the future.

As in previous years the Band and Drums, Headquarter Wing and A (M.G.) Company accompanied the Mayor of Chesterfield (Councillor H. J. Watson) to the Chesterfield Parish Church on Mayor's Sunday. Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., commanded the parade, which was attended by 5 Officers and 110 Other Ranks.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather it was unfortunately impossible to hold the usual outdoor service on Armistice Day. However, the Commanding Officer and a few members of the Battalion attended a service held in the Victoria Picture House, Colonel Dick afterwards laying a wreath on the Calvary at the Parish Church on behalf of the Battalion.

The Annual Officers' Ball was held at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, on 29th January, and was a very great success. Besides the serving Officers a large number of past Officers were present, including Colonel G. D. Goodman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., A.D.C., and Colonel E. Hall, D.S.O., T.D.

On the 12th April the first Sergeants' Dinner was held at the Castle Hotel, Bakewell, the guests being Colonel W. H. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Brigade Commander; Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D.; Lieut.-Colonel Tylden Wright; Major V. O. Robinson, M.C.; Major W. Seaton, M.B.E., M.C., D.C.M.; Captains H. H. Jackson, M.C., B. Darbyshire, M.C., T.D., J. Clarke, D.S.O., M.C., A. J. Cook, Captain and Adjutant R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., Captain the Hon. Evan Bailey, 24th Armoured Car Company, Captain J. G. Underwood, Royal Corps of Signals, and Lieut. C. V. Cockerton, together with over sixty past and present members of the Sergeants' Mess. R.S.M. Sturges occupied the chair. This being the first opportunity that all ranks of the Battalion had had of meeting our new Brigade Commander, advantage

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was taken of the occasion to extend to Colonel Watson a very hearty welcome. This was done by Sergt. Arthurs when proposing the toast of "Our Guests." After the toast list a most enjoyable programme of songs, etc., was rendered by R.Q.M.S. Green, C.S.M. Maycock, C.S.M. Grant (Permanent Staff), C.Q.M.S. Cooper, Sergt. Chadwick and Mr. Walkley. The first dinner having proved such a success, it has been decided to make it an annual affair and thus give an opportunity to the members of the Mess to meet together otherwise than at the Annual Camp.

The past eleven months has been a memorable period for the Battalion, as for the first time since the Great War we have recruited up to our establishment. This result reflects great credit on all ranks who have worked wholeheartedly to attain this end. It is to be hoped there will be no relaxation of effort to keep the Battalion to its present strength. The actual figures of enlistments, discharges, etc., are as follows:—

Strength on 31.10.1929		525
Enlisted and posted on transfer		166
		691
Joined Regular Army	13	
Discharged, transferred and died	94	107
Strength on 30.9.1930		584

Annual Training was this year carried out at Ulverston, in the Lake District. In spite of rather unfavourable weather everyone enjoyed the whole period. The advance party under Major W. Seaton had as usual spared no pains to have everything in readiness for the arrival of the main body, and all ranks soon settled down. A feature of the actual arrival of the Battalion on the camp ground was the presence of swarms of civilians, who at one time threatened to swamp everything and everybody; however, a little gentle persuasion and tact on the part of our Regtl. Provost-Sergt. (Sergt. Staniforth) worked wonders and enabled the usual

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routine of issuing of meals and stores to begin. The camp site was a good one, except that it was intersected by stone walls, which restricted the movements of companies and individuals to gaps. The training areas were good and many interesting schemes were evolved, especially two stage-managed by the Brigade Staff, in which shell-fire and tanks were represented, the first by C.S.M. Mycock and some of his wild men of the Peak, and the second by officers' cars disguised in latrine screens!

Living in our Officers' Mess, we had the Brigade Commander and his Staff, Major Jolley, R.M., and Captain Vinden, Sussex Regiment, from the Staff College, and also Major R. R. Shawcross, Captain W. A. Platt, Captain A. Andrews, M.C., and Lieut. C. B. Fairbanks from the 1st Battalion.

As at the last year's camp a large number of other Officers and W.O.s and N.C.O.s from the 1st Battalion were attached to the Brigade and proved most helpful, their experience and readiness to impart instruction both on and off parade being greatly appreciated by all ranks.

The Battalion again had a fairly successful year in the various competitions, winning the Brigade Transport Competition for the fifth year in succession. Sergt. Mr. Cook Harris is to be congratulated on winning both the Brigade and Divisional Cooking Competition as it was his first year as Cook Sergt., and he with the assistance of his excellent lot of cooks, helped by the mess orderlies, was able to turn out substantial, varied and well-cooked meals even under trying conditions.

In the Divisional Inter-Platoon Competition we had to be content with second place. No. 16 Platoon (D Company), which had been selected in an eliminating competition to represent the Brigade, was narrowly defeated by No. 16 Platoon, 5th Bn. North Staffordshire. This was a great disappointment, but all ranks of No. 16 Platoon must be congratulated upon putting up a very fine show, the turn-out especially being excellent.

At football we were not so successful as last year, D Company, our champions and the holders of the Brigade shield, being beaten in the Semi-Final by D Company of the 8th Battalion.

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The annual Cricket Match between the Officers and Sergeants resulted in the Sergeants winning by a narrow margin.

The Sergeants' Mess Smoking Concert was held on the 31st July, and proved to be one of the most successful ever held, the members of the Mess having the pleasure of entertaining Colonel Watson, Colonel F. M. Dick, Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster (Officer Commanding 1st Bn.), Major Jolley, R.M., and many other officers. The toast of "Our Guests" was responded to by Colonel Watson, Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster and R.S.M. Stevenson (1st Bn.).

A very fine programme was rendered by various artists and the Regimental Band under the leadership of Band-Master Shepherd.

A great feature of this year's camp was the attention paid to the amusement of the men. This was keenly appreciated by them, as there were not very many outside attractions within a reasonable distance. Bus outings were however arranged by the Y.M.C.A. at very reasonable rates.

Among other shows a gymkhana was held which was unfortunately somewhat marred by the weather.

A series of concerts was given in the Y.M.C.A. tents, for one of which the Battalion was responsible. On this occasion, Major E. M. Brooke Taylor, M.C., arranged an excellent programme, one item of which, given by the Brigade Commander, aided and abetted by accomplices in the audience, proved a huge success.

The beating of Retreat by the massed Bands and Drums of the Brigade reflected great credit upon all who took part in it, and considering the few opportunities there had been of rehearsing, it was a marvellous performance. It was a thousand pities that, owing to a postponement due to weather conditions, more people were not present to witness it.

The Annual Marching Order Competition was held on the 1st August and produced the usual keen rivalry, the ultimate winners being :—

Trained Men : 1st, 4968365 L.Corpl. D. Ravey, A (M.G.) Company.
2nd, 4970566 L.Corpl. V. Treece, D Company.

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Recruits : 1st, 4971412 Pte. R. Williams, C Company.
2nd, 4971532 Pte. A. Harvin, D Company.

Although from the above notes it would appear that everything at camp was merry and bright, a most unfortunate accident happened on the usual practice ceremonial parade held on Sunday, 3rd August, Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., our Commanding Officer, having a very lucky escape from most serious injuries, his horse rearing and falling on him. This necessitated his removal to Lancaster Infirmary, it being feared at first that several ribs were fractured. Happily this proved not to be the case, but the resulting bruises and shock were bad enough to prevent him taking any further part in training, the command of the Battalion therefore devolving upon Major E. M. Brooke Taylor, M.C., T.D. It was most unlucky that such an accident should prevent Colonel Dick from commanding the Battalion on the final ceremonial parade as it is his last year of command. The disappointment at not being at the head of his Battalion for the last time, was, perhaps, somewhat mitigated by the Battalion marching past him on its return from parade.

The names of recipients of medals on the final parade will be found elsewhere in these notes.

The administrative side of the camp was as usual efficiently carried out by Major and Quartermaster W. Seaton, M.B.E., M.C., D.C.M., and his staff.

R.Q.M.S. C. E. A. Green in his first year in this appointment carried out his onerous and exacting duties in a thoroughly capable manner, and proved to be the right man in the right place. Long may he reign as R.Q.M.S.

On the return to Chesterfield, Headquarter Wing and A Company were accorded a civic reception, being met at the Railway Station by the Mayor (Councillor H. J. Watson) and members of the Corporation.

The results of Weapon Training during the past year have shown a decided improvement on previous years, but we are still suffering from inadequate range accommodation, fully two-thirds of the Battalion having to travel long distances to Coombs Moss. The best scores obtained are as follows :—

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		Score.
Battalion Shot:		
Rifle: Corpl P. Green, D Company		136
Lewis Gun: Corpl. J. E. Hill, D Company		40
Company Shots:		
Headquarter Wing:	*Rifle:* Corpl. E. Higginbottom	128
A (M.G.) Company:	*Vickers Gun:* L.Sergt. R. D. Ledger	240
B Company:	*Rifle:* L.Corpl. V. Cockram	123
	Lewis Gun: Pte. W. B. Smith	39
C Company:	*Rifle.:* L.Sergt. J. H. Whitworth, Pte. J. Artless	129
	Lewis Gun: Pte. V. Hall	39
D Company:	*Rifle:* Corpl. P. Green	136
	Lewis Gun: Corpl. J. E. Hill	40

2nd Lieut. W. W. Houldsworth obtained a score of 139, but does not qualify for the Battalion Shot Badge.

The Battalion programme of Weapon Training competitions for 1930 was a very ambitious one. At the beginning of the year we were not even members of the Territorial Army Rifle Association, but since joining have entered for a large number of decentralized competitions as well as sending a team to Bisley.

Our first effort was the Small Bore Match. Each company provided a team, and in the shoots very promising results were obtained, particulars of which will be found in the various Company notes.

The Central Meeting at Bisley next claimed our attention, where the following team represented the Battalion:—

Class II: C.S.M. R. C. Purdy, C Company, and C.Q.M.S. C. E. Cooper, A (M.G.) Company.

Class III: L.Corpl. H. Stacey, D Company.

Class IV: Pte. H. Griffiths, Headquarter Wing.

The team was under R.S.M. J. Sturges. On arrival at Bisley the first day was spent in practice for the championships, and by tea-time all the members felt very confident of their chances for the morrow.

The Territorial Army Championships at Bisley are fired

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concurrently with National Rifle Association Championships, and our team had the rather awe-inspiring experience of firing shoulder to shoulder with the best shots of the Empire.

An early success was registered by L.Corpl. Stacey, who by scoring 32 out of a possible 35 at a five-inch bull at 200 yards with an ordinary rack rifle gained a money prize.

In the afternoon and following morning the team shot very well in all matches, but C.S.M. Purdy and C.Q.M.S. Cooper just missed being included in the Territorial 50.

Later in the day the three senior members of the team competed in the Lewis Gun competition, and although under the circumstances shooting well did not succeed in gaining a place in the prize list.

A hurried pack-up, followed by a midnight journey back to North Derbyshire, concluded three memorable days of shooting under ideal conditions on the world's finest range. Two of the team had never previously left the proximity of the county boundaries, but it is certain that the relating of the team's experiences will cause keen rivalry to be the Battalion's chosen representatives, and a determination that, if chosen, to do better in future years.

After camp, arrangements were made to fire the decentralized matches, which were allotted to Companies as follows :—

Vickers Gun Challenge Cup : A (M.G.) Company.
B.S.A. Guns Ltd. Challenge Trophy : Headquarter Wing and B Company.
High Sheriffs Challenge Shield : C Company.
Lewis Gun Challenge Cup : D Company.

Particulars of the various companies will be found elsewhere.

The Annual Prize Shoot of the Chesterfield Territorials (Headquarter Wing and A (M.G.) Company, 6th Battalion, and No. 2 Company, 46th North Midland Divisional Signals) was held on the Totley Ranges on the 21st September. The main competitions were deliberate at 500 yards and snap shooting at 200 yards. A gusty wind and changing light caused all but the most experienced shots to get into early difficulties at 500 yards, but at 200 the scoring improved. The chief results were as follows :—

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Hoult Cup (teams of ten, eight to count): No. 2 Company, 46th N.M. Divisional Signals.

Chambers Cup (All Comers): Ex-C.S.M. Bennett (late Signalling Sergt., 2nd Bn.).

"*Derbyshire Times*" *Cup* (best score serving Territorial): Lieut. S. N. Turner, R. Corps of Signals.

White Shield (best score 6th Foresters): Lieut. F. A. Carline.

500 *Yards Cup:* Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D. (after tie shoot with Lieut. F. A. Carline).

200 *Yards Cup:* Four members tied. This tie is yet to be decided.

Clay Cross Cup (Foresters residing in Clay Cross Area): Corpl. Knox.

Recruits Cup (Foresters enlisted since 15th August, 1929): Pte. F. Griffiths.

2nd Lieut. E. R. Heathcote has been posted to the Battalion on first appointment.

The under-mentioned promotions have taken place during the last twelve months:—

Captain V. O. Robinson, M.C., to be Major, 1.4.29.

Captain and Quartermaster W. Seaton, M.C., D.C.M., to be Major, 1.4.29.

C.Q.M.S. C. E. A. Green, A Company, to be R.Q.M.S. *vice* Unwin, discharged 10.9.29.

Sergt. C. E. Cooper, A Company, to be C.Q.M.S. *vice* Green, promoted 12.9.29.

Sergt. F. Edge, C Company, to be C.Q.M.S. *vice* Thompson, discharged 12.7.30.

L.Corpl. T. B. Harris, M.M., A Company, to be Sergeant and appointed Sergt. Mr. Cook *vice* Bradford, deceased 24.12.29.

Corpl. A. T. Johnson, C Company, to be Lance-Sergt. to complete establishment.

Pte. H. Percival, Headquarter Wing, to be Corporal *vice* Wilson, discharged 18.3.30.

Pte. A. C. Kirk, Headquarter Wing, to be Corporal and appointed Orderly Room Clerk *vice* Kirk, discharged 22.9.29.

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The under-mentioned Honours and Awards have been received by members of the Battalion during the past year :—

The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire : Major and Quartermaster W. Seaton, M.C., D.C.M., to be a Member of the Military Division.

Territorial Decoration : Captain The Marquis of Hartington, M.B.E., 24th (Derbyshire Yeomanry), Armoured Car Company (Hon. Colonel 6th Bn. Foresters).

Territorial Efficiency Medal : C.S.M. J. Ramsden, M.M. ; R.Q.M.S. M. J. Unwin, M.M. ; C.S.M. R. C. Purdy ; C.Q.M.S. A. C. Johnson ; Sergt. W. Osborne ; Pte. W. H. Brailsford ; Pte. C. Orme ; Pte. J. Saunders.

Bar to Territorial Efficiency Medal : C.Q.M.S. C. F. Cooper.

The following Courses of Instruction have been attended by W.O.s, N.C.O.s and men :—

Machine Gun School, Netheravon : A/R.S.M. J. A. Sturges (Qualified) (Q1).

Cookery Course, 1st Battn. : Sergt. T. B. Percival, M.M., Headquarter Wing.

School of Signalling : Corpl. E. Simms, Headquarter Wing.

Cookery Course, Depot, Derby : L.Corpl. T. Ryan, A (M.G.) Company, Ptes. Gregory and Greaves, D Company.

Horse Transport Course, Aldershot : Pte. A. Lindley, Headquarter Wing.

Farriery Course, York : Pte. E. Percival, Headquarter Wing.

In addition to the above a Territorial Army Machine-Gun Course was held at the Depot, Derby, and was attended by 21 N.C.O.s and men. Also Regimental Courses of 36 working hours were held in Section Leading, Machine Gun, Signalling, Range-finding and Intelligence Duties. All these courses were well attended and proved of great benefit to the personnel attending.

Headquarter Wing

Company Commander : Major V. O. Robinson, M.C.
Second-in-Command : 2nd Lieut. P. E. G. Mather.
Company Sergt.-Major : C.S.M. W. Davis.

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Company Accountant: C.Q.M.S. A. C. Johnson.
Permanent Staff Instructor: A/R.S.M. J. A. Sturges.

The strength of the Wing at the time of writing these notes was 5 Officers and 148 Other Ranks. Since last year 15 men were discharged and 2 transferred, while 53 men have joined. No fewer than 140 N.C.O.s and men attended camp at Ulverston, which we considered to be a delightful little place.

During the early part of this year special efforts were made to raise the Signalling Group to full strength. This Group has always been weak, and it is pleasing to record that the efforts of all ranks of the Wing were crowned with success, the strength of the Signallers being raised from 5 to 26. Further credit is reflected upon 2nd Lieut. Mather, Sergt. H. Radforth, and Corpl. E. Simms, who were responsible for their instruction, as 9 of them qualified as Regimental Signallers in their first year of service.

The efforts of Sergt. W. Osborne and all members of the Transport Section again resulted in a successful year, the Section winning the Brigade Transport competition for the fifth year in succession.

Lieut. W. W. H. Houldsworth performed the duties of Transport Officer, and the Section trust that this is a permanent appointment, although this may not be to the liking of D Company.

Before camp, riding classes were held in conjunction with the Royal Corps of Signals, and a marked improvement in equitation was the result.

Under the direction of Band-Master Shepherd and Drum-Major W. Hopkinson, the Band and Drums fulfilled numerous engagements in and near Chesterfield throughout the year. At the Chesterfield Territorial Annual Ball, on Shrove Tuesday, the Band gave an excellent programme of dance music which was greatly appreciated.

During June and July, the Band and Drums visited the outlying stations of the Battalion as part of a special recruiting effort. On the 5th July they proceeded to Whaley Bridge and took part in the unveiling of a Memorial to The Sherwood Foresters.

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On the previous evening the Drums beat "Retreat" in the main street, the display being watched by many hundreds of spectators.

The past high standard of shooting has been maintained, and special efforts have been made to keep all ranks in Headquarter Wing proficient in the rifle.

On the 25th March a team consisting of Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., R.Q.M.S. C. Green, C.S.M. W. Davis, Drum-Major W. Hopkinson, Sergt. H. Radforth, Corpl. A. Holmes, L.Corpl. Bowers and Pte. H. Raybould, competed in the T.A. Small Bore Match, Corpl. Holmes returning the highest score, the Commanding Officer and Sergt. Radforth tieing for second place.

A second Miniature Range Competition took place just before the firing of the Annual Course, the winners of the respective classes being:

Class "A": Sergt. T. B. Harris, M.M. *Class "B":* Drummer G. Haslam. *Class "C":* Pte. Griffiths.

Major Robinson presented the winners with a silver shooting spoon mounted with the Regimental badge.

Later in the year the young soldiers in the Signal Group and Drums competed in the B.S.A. Guns, Ltd., Young Soldiers' Competition on the Coombs Range, and returned the excellent score of 293, which is 50 points higher than the average score returned last year. As this team will still be eligible next year, our chance of gaining the trophy at the next attempt looks very promising.

We welcome, this year, as our new R.Q.M.S., Ex-C.Q.M.S. Green from A Company, and we are certain that A Company's loss is our gain.

C.S.M. Davis is still our worthy guardian of discipline, and the Wing at camp felt the result of the C.S.M.'s fortnight's course at the Depot, which took place just before camp.

The intricacies of the Pay- and Mess-book have again been capably dealt with by C.Q.M.S. A. C. Johnson, and his namesake the Company Clerk.

L.Sergt. Staniforth and L.Corpl. James, assisted by two men from D Company, performed the present-day easy task of Regimental Police.

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At the beginning of the year orders were received that an Intelligence Section had to be formed in the Battalion, and it fell to the lot of the Drums to provide the necessary personnel.

A 36-hour course was held under Major V. O. Robinson, M.C., and the Section received much enlightenment into the mysteries of map-reading, prismatic compass, etc.

Previous to camp, Dmr. C. Slinn was appointed L.Corpl. and made N.C.O. in charge of the Section, and on the 13th July they were inspected by the Brigade Commander at Nottingham.

In the Battalion schemes at annual training the Section carried out their duties very efficiently, and much valuable information was gained by the prying Drummers as to the whereabouts and doings both of the enemy and the various units of the Battalion.

A (M.G.) Company (Chesterfield and Clay Cross)

Company Commander: Captain H. H. Jackson, M.C.
Platoon Commanders: No. 1 Platoon: Lieut. N. E. Carline.
No. 2 Platoon: Sergt. J. Watson.
No. 3 Platoon: Lieut. F. A. Carline.
No. 4 Platoon: Lieut. R. W. Laird.
Company Sergt.-Major: C.S.M. J. Ramsden, M.M.
Company Accountant: C.Q.M.S. C. E. Cooper.
Permanent Staff Instructor: Sergt. G. Johnson.

Under the new organization, we have this year been formed into a Machine-Gun Company, and great keenness for the new weapon was shown by all ranks.

Training was entirely devoted to the Machine Gun, with the exception of this year's recruits who fired a recruit's rifle course.

Sunday parades were this year held at Hill Top Farm, and were well attended.

A Vickers Gun Competition was fired with ·22 ammunition during the training season. Silver spoons were presented to the winners of each class, the following being the results:—

Class "A": Corpl. Tarrier. *Class "B":* Pte. C. Joyce. *Class "C":* Pte. Beresford.

In Class "A" of this competition Corpls. Tarrier and Knox

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tied for First Place. The tie was decided at Clay Cross, Corpl. Tarrier securing a possible, 20 points, Corpl. Knox scoring 19.

Our Company Accountant, C.Q.M.S. C. E. Cooper, had the honour of representing the Battalion at Bisley. He shot remarkably well, winning a prize of £1 in the Service Rifle Aggregate, but failed to qualify for the Territorial 50 by 4 points. All ranks of the Company wish him better luck in the future.

At camp the Company was under the instruction of Major Shawcross and C.S.M. Parkes of the 1st Battalion. The training was most interesting and the Company learnt a great deal.

The Company went out on two Battalion days, one of which was a rather difficult job for M.G.s and rather beyond us, but the second day showed a great improvement.

Our P.S.I., Sergt. Johnson, who with R.S.M. Sturges had done such a great deal towards making the Company efficient, was most unfortunately absent from camp due to ill health. His place was taken by Sergt. Ash of the 1st Battalion, who proved a most capable substitute and helped us a lot.

All ranks made great progress in camp and showed remarkable keenness.

The feeding, paying and all on the "Q" side of the Company were excellent.

B Company (Whaley Bridge, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Buxton, Tideswell and New Mills)

Company Commander: Captain B. Darbyshire M.C., T.D.
Company Sergt.-Major: C.S.M. J. Mycock.
Company Accountant: C.Q.M.S. A. Isherwood.
Permanent Staff Instructor: Sergt. J. W. Taylor.

Owing to the scattered nature of the various Platoon Headquarters, Company training previous to camp was confined to three Company concentrations at Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Whaley Bridge, respectively.

On the latter occasion the Company joined in the parade which followed the unveiling of a War Memorial, and headed the procession from the church, Colonel E. Hall, D.S.O., T.D. (late Commanding Officer 6th Battalion), taking the salute.

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The Company competed in the T.A. Small Bore Match, firing at the Drill Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, on the 30th March. Great interest was taken in the match, and the Company finished third in the Battalion.

We also found a team for the T.A.R.A. Young Soldiers' Match, which was fired on Coombs Range on the 14th September, but were handicapped by four of this year's recruits, who had previously been selected for the team, becoming enamoured of Army life during camp and joining the Regular Army. We therefore were not very successful, but hope to do better in the future.

The various Platoon notes follow :—

No. 5 Platoon (Chapel-en-le-Frith)

Platoon Commander : Lieut. T. C. B. Goodman.

The Tradesmen's shoot took place in the Drill Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, on Sunday, the 12th January, 1930. The standard of firing was satisfactory.

The Platoon Annual Supper took place at the Railway Hotel, Dove Holes, on Friday, the 31st January, 1930. Amongst those present were the Commanding Officer, Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., Colonel G. D. Goodman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., A.D.C., Major E. M. Brooke Taylor, M.C., T.D., Captain and Adjutant R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., Captain B. Darbyshire, M.C., T.D., Lieut. J. E. O. Walker, Cheshire Regt., an old officer of the Battalion, Lieut. T. C. B. Goodman, 2nd Lieut. S. F. Mill, and 2nd Lieut. E. R. Heathcote. After supper the Commanding Officer kindly presented the prizes for the Tradesmen's shoot. Captain Darbyshire proposed the health of Colonel Dick and warmly thanked him for coming such a long way on such a bad night. He also welcomed Captain Cavendish, the new Adjutant.

No. 6 Platoon (Buxton)

Platoon Commander : 2nd Lieut. S. F. Mill.

The Annual Dance was held in the Town Hall on Friday, the 11th October, 1929. There was as usual a good attendance at the Dance, the Officers present being Major E. M. Brooke

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Taylor, M.C., T.D., Captain B. Darbyshire, M.C., T.D., and 2nd Lieut. S. F. Mill.

The Platoon Annual Supper was held in the Drill Hall on Friday, the 15th November. Although it was not a good night as far as weather was concerned, there was a good attendance, several members of the British Legion being present. The prizes for the Tradesmen's shoot were presented by Doctor Stuart.

No. 7 Platoon (Tideswell)

Platoon Commander: 2nd Lieut. E. R. Heathcote.

2nd Lieut. E. R. Heathcote, who was gazetted to the Battalion on the 16th October, 1929, has taken over this Platoon.

The Platoon has greatly benefited by the change to these new headquarters.

The Annual Dance was held at the Village Hall on the 11th March; it was well attended and proved a very successful evening. Amongst those present were the Commanding Officer, Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., Captain B. Darbyshire, M.C., T.D., Lieut. J. E. O. Walker, Cheshire Regt., Lieut. T. C. B. Goodman, 2nd Lieut. S. F. Mill, and 2nd Lieut. E. R. Heathcote.

No. 8 Platoon (New Mills)

Platoon Commander: Lieut. G. H. Bell.

The Annual Supper was held in the Drill Hall on the 8th November, 1929. Practically the whole Platoon, which is a very strong one, was present. The supper, which proved a very excellent one, was given by the mothers and wives of men of the Platoon. Captain Darbyshire proposed a vote of thanks to the mothers and wives, and pointed out that it was a good example of co-operation of all arms.

It was very satisfactory to be able to attest six recruits.

C Company (Ashbourne, Wirksworth, Bakewell and Matlock)

Company Commander: Captain A. J. Cook (since transferred to Reserve of Officers).

Company Sergt.-Major: C.S.M. R. C. Purdy.

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Company Accountant: C.Q.M.S. F. Edge.
Permanent Staff Instructor: C.S.M. T. H. Grant.

During the past year we have to record a decrease in strength of ten, which we hope to pull up in the coming year.

The Weapon Training results show an improvement on last year in both Rifle and Lewis Gun :—

	1929.	1930.
Rifle	97·17	97·26
Lewis Gun	25·55	30·59

Half-way through the training season our Company Commander, Captain A. J. Cook, was forced by business reasons to transfer to the Reserve of Officers, but our old commander, Captain H. V. C. Blackwell, stepped into the breach, completing the training and commanding the Company in camp.

The pre-camp training was on similar lines to last year and included three concentrations at Carsington Pastures, which are always invaluable from the "collective training" point of view, as these are the only occasions other than Annual Camp when we get the Company all together.

After parade on the 15th June the Company was met on its return to Wirksworth by the Regimental Band and marched to the Market Place. The parade was then joined by the Wirksworth Town Band and a good turn-out of ex-service men, and marched to Gorsey Bank War Memorial, where a service was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Edwards, Vicar of Wirksworth.

Prior to the parade the Regimental Band gave a concert in the Market Place.

The Company furnished a team of eight men to compete in the High Sheriff's Shield (T.A.R.A. decentralized competition) on the 31st August. The team scored 433 points, which is very satisfactory, considering it was the first time they had competed.

No. 9 Platoon (Ashbourne)

Platoon Commander: Lieut. R. A. F. Longden.

The Annual Dinner was held on the 16th October, Lieut. R. A. F. Longden in the chair, supported by Colonel J.

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Harrington, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Captain E. Unwin (Royal Navy), V.C., C.B., C.M.G., Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., the Lord Bishop of Derby and many other distinguished guests.

After the usual toast list Colonel Harrington presented the Platoon tropies won during 1929.

The Section Cup for the best all-round section has this year been won by No. 2 Section under L.Sergt. Johnson; for the last three years this Cup has been won by the Matlock Platoon.

Together with other companies of the Battalion a team was entered for the T.A. Small Bore Match. Owing to the scattered nature of the Company area and the difficulty of concentrating a company team, it was decided to allot to No. 9 Platoon the honour of upholding the Company's reputation, and well they did it. They returned the very fine score of 610 points, heading the 139th Infantry Brigade and finishing 76th out of 456 scores returned. This year we hope to climb a little nearer the top.

No. 10 Platoon (Wirksworth)

Platoon Commander: 2nd Lieut. J. Blackwall.

The Annual Dinner of the Company was held at Wirksworth on the 20th November, 1929. Captain A. J. Cook presided and was supported by the Commanding Officer, Captain and Adjutant R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., Captain J. D. B. Symonds, and many other officers past and present. During the evening the prizes for the Platoon shoot were presented by the Commanding Officer:—

Ladies Prize: Pte. L. Hickman.
Lewis Gun Cup: C.Q.M.S. Thompson.

On the occasion of the re-opening of the billiard table a match was played between Captain Wheatcroft, an old officer of the Company, and Captain Cook, the latter winning by a small margin.

The Platoon billiard team also entertained Kirk Ireton "B" team, the home side winning by 6 points.

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No. 11 Platoon (Bakewell)

Platoon Commander: 2nd Lieut. V. O. Cockerton.

The Annual Dinner was held on the 20th December, 1929, 2nd Lieut. Cockerton being in the chair, with Captain A. J. Cook in the vice-chair. The Toast of the Battalion was proposed by the Chairman and responded to by the Commanding Officer, Major H. C. Brooke Taylor responding to the Toast of the visitors.

In the final of a billiard handicap Pte. Elliott beat Captain Cook by 10 points.

No. 12 Platoon (Matlock)

Platoon Commander: Sergt. J. A. E. Belbin.

The Annual Platoon Dinner was held on the 7th December, 1929, followed by a most successful Dance, Colonel Harrington, the Commanding Officer, and all officers of the Battalion being present.

D Company (Staveley, Cresswell and Eckington)

Company Commander: Captain J. Clarke, D.S.O., M.C.
Platoon Commanders: No. 13 Platoon: Sergt. H. Smith.
No. 14 Platoon: Sergt. F. C. Smedley.
No. 15 Platoon: Sergt. E. Burke.
No. 16 Platoon: Lieut. W. W. H. Houldsworth.
Company Sergt.-Major: C.S.M. W. Redfern.
Company Accountant: C.Q.M.S. J. B. Spencer.
Permanent Staff Instructor: Sergt. R. Howitt.

The Annual Company Dinner and Dance was held at the Drill Hall, Staveley, on the 16th November, 1929, and was, as usual, well attended, a good number of past and present Officers being present. A further Dance was held in the same place on the 22nd April, 1930.

Company concentrations were held at Barlborough on the 14th and 21st June and the 12th July, interesting and instructive work being done.

On the 1st June the Brigade Commander inspected No. 16

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Platoon at Barlborough on the occasion of their being selected to represent the Battalion in the Brigade eliminating competition. This Platoon was selected to compete in the Divisional Competition, but was unfortunately beaten.

Teams were entered from the Company for the T.A. Small Bore Match and the Lewis Gun Challenge Cup (T.A.R.A. decentralized match). In the latter No. 1 Team did exceptionally well and we are looking forward with some confidence to the result.

Officers of the 6th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters who mobilised with the Battalion in August, 1914, and who attended Camp at Ulverston, 1930 :—

(*Standing.*)—Captain H. H. Jackson, M.C., O.C. "A" (M.G.) Coy. ; Captain B. Darbyshire, M.C., T.D., O.C. "B" Coy ; Captain H. V. C. Blackwall, O.C. "C" Coy. ; Captain J. Clarke, D.S.O., M.C., O.C. "D" Coy. ; Major V. O. Robinson, M.C., O.C. H.Q. Wing.

(*Sitting.*)—Major E. M. Brooke Taylor, M.C., T.D., Second-in-Command ; Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D., Commanding Officer ; Major and Quartermaster W. Seaton, M.B.E., M.C., D.C.M.

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GENERAL SIR H. L. SMITH-DORRIEN INSPECTING THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS BRIGADE AT ULVERSTON

9TH AUGUST, 1930

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VII

7TH BATTALION NOTES

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

WORDS cannot express the loss that is felt of our beloved Colonel. His name is a living memory even in the minds of Recruits with only four months' service.

Major A. A. Walton, T.D., Captain E. H. Clarkson, R.Q.M.S. E. Croll, M.M., C.S.M. J. T. Jackson, Bugle-Major T. Allwood, represented the Battalion at the Memorial Service in London.

On the following Sunday afternoon a very impressive Memorial Service was held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, Canon Gordon officiating. Those present included the Lord Mayor of Nottingham and High Sheriff, Major A. L. Ashwell, representing the Duke of Portland, Colonel Birkin and many other retired officers and families, detachments from the British Legion, Old Contemptibles, Old Comrades' Association, Robin Hoods O.C.A. and over three hundred serving Robin Hoods.

The church holds seventeen hundred, but even then all side chapels and aisles were crowded. Unfortunately the police were forced to close the doors of the church. It is estimated that over five hundred were unable to gain admittance.

It was unfortunate that the "Old Contemptibles" had their Annual Pilgrimage in London on that day, but even then it is almost safe to say that every single ex-Regular Soldier was there, so many 1914 and 1915 medals were seen.

It was truly an inspiring Memorial Service and only goes to show once more what whole-hearted affection and appreciation was felt for our late Colonel throughout our Regimental Counties.

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The year ending with our return from Carburton Camp can be considered very successful. The strength of the Battalion is 18 Officers and 554 Other Ranks. Strength in camp, 18 Officers, 519 Other Ranks. These are the highest figures that have been reached for many years. During the year we have taken 145 Recruits (a very good figure considering all the counter-attractions in Nottingham, also that the South Notts Hussars, 1 Battery R.A., and Signals and Ordnance are all recruited from the same area), and have discharged 123. We were very disappointed that we were not up to establishment before camp—30 below strength; however, 35 were discharged without an option after camp last year.

During the year the following resignations and promotions have taken place :—

Captain B. H. Brewill, promoted Major.

Captain E. J. Melville, resigned.

Lieut. E. H. Clarkson, promoted Captain. Taken over Command of A Company.

2nd Lieut. J. H. Bradwell, promoted Lieutenant, 23.7.30.

The Annual Church Parade was held on the Castle Green on Sunday, 29th June. We had a record attendance this year : 18 Officers and 426 Other Ranks.

The Beating of Retreat was carried out this year in the New Processional Way in front of the Council House, an ideal situation. The Lord Mayor witnessed the Beating and afterwards entertained the Officers and friends in the celebrated Mayor Parlour. The ceremony was received with great enthusiasm by the people of Nottingham and was undoubtedly a great success.

We were very pleased to see our new Brigadier—Colonel H. W. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Training

Training this year has again been most encouraging. Great keenness has been shown throughout the whole period. A larger percentage of Officers and N.C.O.s attended voluntary tactical exercises and courses than last year, and one can feel almost satisfied with the work done.

The feature of this year's camp was the attachment of a

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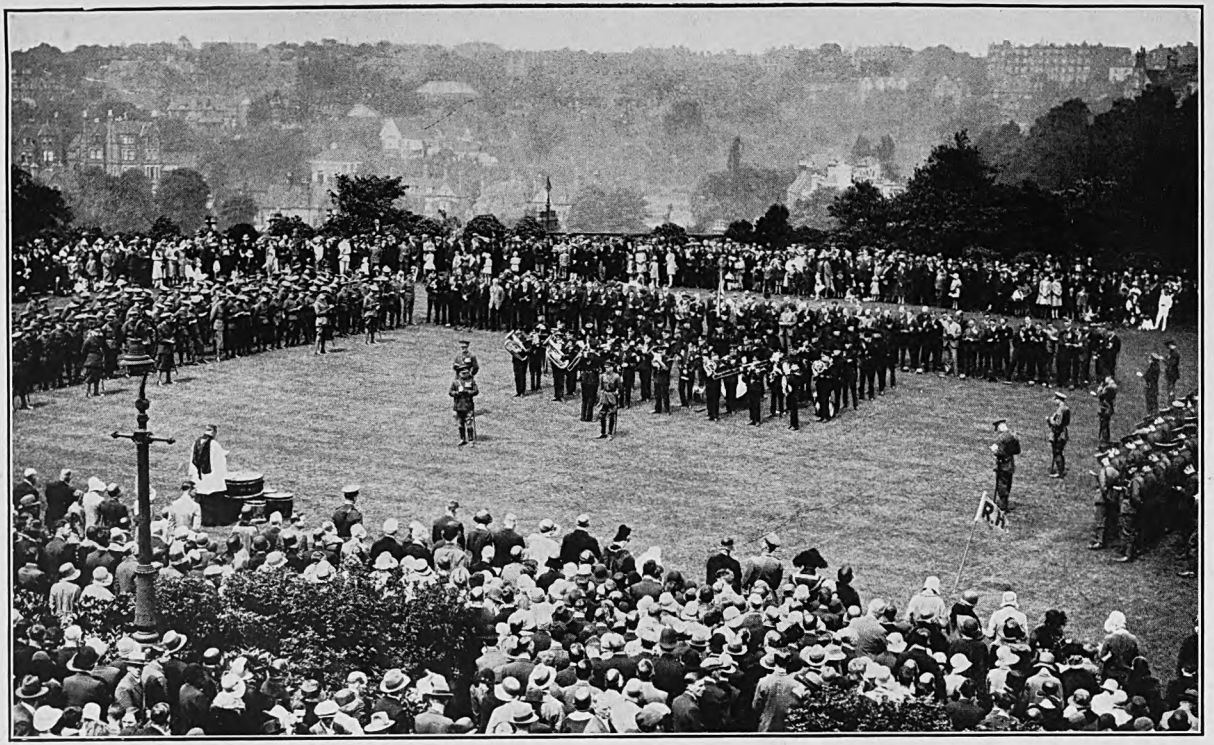

7TH BATTALION—THE ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE ON THE CASTLE GREEN, NOTTINGHAM
29TH JUNE, 1930

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large number of our Regular Brothers from Shorncliffe. The assistance given was most valuable and greatly appreciated, and now a far closer feeling of real friendship exists than ever before. It is quite obvious that the Territorial Year, 1930, has exceeded all possible expectations.

Competitions

The new Championship Company Competition is undoubtedly a great success. We must congratulate D Company (Captain W. Foster, M.C.) on winning the Competition for the first time. The Competition was very close, and, according to statements made by other Companies, D Company will have to fight very hard to retain the "Green Lanyards" for another year.

The Milner Trophy (Inter-Company Marching Order Competition) was won by D Company (Captain W. Foster, M.C.), with B (M.G.) Company (Major B. H. Brewill) close runners-up. The Marking in this competition, as in all this year, was very close, a matter of even one point in many cases, which is all to the good and shows that the general standard throughout the Battalion is improving.

C Company (Captain E. N. Deall) is to be congratulated on winning the Inter-Company Drill Competition. It was a great effort, because there is no doubt—and there is no harm in stating—that they were in a class by themselves. Great credit is due to all concerned, especially C.S.M. F. Ellis.

The rivalry was intense.

A Company (Captain E. H. Clarkson) is to be congratulated once more on winning the Football Shield and Cross-Country Run. Rumour has it that A Company is determined to keep these trophies for ever, and that a private insurance has been taken out by the Company in anticipation.

Weapon Training

The general standard of shooting shows an improvement, though we still have an unnecessary number of men to exercise after camp. However, it is a problem with only one range at our disposal, now we have the extra difficulty of exercising ninety odd men in the Machine Gun; however, only three

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Machine Gunners and about thirty Riflemen failed to fire before camp.

We must congratulate the old M.G. Platoon on their fine effort last year; they obtained the highest average in the Division. Our shooting with both M.G.s and L.A. is distinctly better than our Rifle.

The following is a List of Winners of the various Small Arm Matches:—

Sir Charles Seely Shield: A Company.
Sir Jesse Boot Bowl: A Company.
Major White Cup: D Company.
Sir Thomas Birkin Cup: W.O.s and Sergeants.
Best Shooting Company, 1929: H.Q. Wing.

Individual Championships, 1930:—
Open: Corporal J. Orchard, D Company.
Officers: Captain D. M. Lindsay, M.C.
W.O.s and Sergts.: C.S.M. G. Nall, A Company.
Corporals: Corporal J. Hornby, D Company.
Riflemen: Rifleman J. Whittaker, H.Q. Wing.
Recruits: Rifleman F. Bee, B (M.G.) Company.
M. Gunners: Rifleman J. Fletcher, B (M.G.) Company.

Football Club

The Robin Hoods Football Club had a very successful season in the Spartan League, 4th Division, during 1929–30.

After a very unpromising start—only annexing 1 point out of 14—the team started to take everything before them, and out of 17 league games played, 14 were won and 3 lost, so from being the promised wooden spoonists we were able to finish the season fifth from top, and, had we commenced the season as well as we finished, the League Championship would have been won quite easily, for only 4 points separated the first team and ourselves.

This recovery was due in the main to the splendid team spirit prevailing and also to the sterling work of all the players, in particular Rifleman Buckingham, who, joining when the team had lost 6 matches in succession, and the goal average was 16 for and 57 against, was mainly responsible for the change of fortune. In all he played in 26 matches and he

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scored a total of 59 goals in League and 3 in Cup Ties. Total, 62.

The goal average at the end of the season was 132 for, 107 against. In Cup Ties the team scored 22 goals in the Beeston Charity Cup and Spartan League Cup Competition, being beaten in the Fourth Round by Beeston United, 1st Division Spartan League, 4–3, and Basford North End, 2–1. Owing to the crowded fixtures during the latter part of the season it is interesting to note that on an occasion whilst playing against East Bridgford, whom we beat 10–0, the league champions were waiting to play against us when that game was over. Although tired and weary the Battalion team played the champions and after a very hard and clean game managed to win 3–2, making a total of 13 goals against 2, and 4 points in one day.

Total goals scored during the season was 152 for, against 117, which speaks for itself, and shows the splendid recovery made from the end of November, at which period the goal average was 18 for and 61 against.

The principal goal-scorers are appended :—

	Goals.
Rifleman Buckingham . . .	62
Bugler Cooper	25
Corporal Brown	17
Corporal Revill	14
Rifleman Brice	8

It is hoped that during the ensuing season a series of matches will be arranged with the various depots, so that the esprit de corps inculcated in the training during the camping season may be fostered in the sporting field, and thus assisting materially in the close co-operation of the Territorial Army with the Regular Forces.

The Robin Hoods' Ball

The Robin Hoods' Ball took place at the Palais-de-Danse, Nottingham, on Friday, 14th February, 1930. There were seven hundred and twenty-six guests present. Newman's Band (London) and the Robin Hoods' Band played for dancing and the Metronomes from Brighton entertained in the Supper Room. Officers of all branches of the Navy,

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Army and Air Force were included in the company and guests came from places so far apart as Edinburgh, Dublin and London. The bright red uniforms of the Lincoln, Leicester and other Forester Battalions provided a striking contrast to the Lincoln Green of the Robin Hoods' Officers. The coincidence of the Ball with St. Valentine's Day was observed by the presentation to each lady of a Parisian powder *compact* engraved with the crest of the Battalion. The decorations of the ballroom were artistically carried out on modern lines, the Regimental colours being given pride of place in all the schemes. At one end of the ballroom the Regimental crest constructed entirely of flowers was much admired.

This floral crest was the next day placed at the foot of the statue to the late Captain Albert Ball, V.C., in the Castle Grounds as a tribute to his memory. Captain Ball joined the Robin Hoods on the outbreak of War as an officer and was later attached to the Royal Air Force.

The Mess Plate was displayed in the Lounge. The supper tables were lavishly embellished with over one thousand scarlet blooms of the beautiful "Our Prince" carnation. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m. and ceased at 3 a.m. It is regretted that owing to lack of accommodation more than one hundred applications for tickets had to be refused and the cheques returned.

A Company

After serving with the Robin Hoods from 1920 and commanding A Company since 1925, Captain E. J. Melville has, for business reasons, gone to the Reserve. It was with very great regret that the Company learnt of this decision, and we all wish him the greatest success in his new sphere. During his period of command the Company has been continuously successful in all ways, as is well shown by the numerous trophies won and held. In no small degree is this success due to him, his keenness and example, and largely to the excellent team spirit which prevails in the Company and which is so essential both in the field and competitions. Captain E. H. Clarkson has been given command of the Company.

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Although the year's training naturally centres itself around Annual Training it is impossible this year to pass over pre-camp training without comment. The attendances have shown an increase of almost 20 per cent.—this is a great improvement and the benefits were shown in camp very clearly by the way in which training progressed. It is hoped therefore that next year a further increase in pre-camp training will show itself.

The Company Dinner was held again this year in the Arboretum Rooms, and was a great success. We had the honour of entertaining, amongst many others, the Lord Mayor of Nottingham (Councillor W. Wesson, J.P.), Colonel W. R. Rook, O.B.E., T.D., Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Brewill, T.D., Lieut.-Colonel H. Bradwell, T.D., Major A. A. Walton, T.D., and Major N. E. Webster, M.C., O.B.E. It was the first time a Lord Mayor of the City had attended a Company Dinner and the reception given the Lord Mayor after presenting the trophies, proved how pleased everyone was to have him with us. The thanks of all the Company are due to Lieut.-Colonel H. Bradwell, T.D., the donor of the Bradwell Cup presented for Annual Inter-Platoon Competition in A Company. Colonel Bradwell commanded the Company in 1920–21 before becoming second-in-command of the Battalion.

This year the Robin Hoods received an invitation to send two members of the Sergeants' Mess to the 1st Battalion to join in the celebration of Badajoz Day. Sergt. T. L. Shaw was one of the two chosen and he thoroughly appreciated the week-end and the hospitality accorded.

Camp was held this year in a charming but cramped spot near to Ulverston, which was supposed to be near to Morecambe. It is supposed that this is correct as there are only twelve miles of sea between the two towns, but as we are not naval or mechanized troops, forty-five miles by road is hardly near. Still camp was voted a good one in all ways except the morning rain, although this had the one good effect of turning people out early. At one period, on the Monday, the weather certainly appeared anxious to give the old hands the opportunity of comparing the Ulverston mud with that of Welbeck in 1922, or with that "Grave-yard mud"

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of Peel. The actual training was effected, but twice, when we had to turn to the wet-weather programme, this will be long remembered by some of us if only for the amazing theories of elephants and tanks and the discussions which arose therefrom. The work in camp was excellent, but the greatest improvement shown was in the lines where kits were well laid out and the lines kept very clean. The Company strength at camp was 2 Officers and 109 Other Ranks—a decrease on 1929 of 1 Officer and an increase of 4 Other Ranks, of whom 91 per cent. attended camp.

In sport, we were successful in retaining both the Football Shield and the Cross-Country Cup. The playing pitch this year was an improvement on what we have had for some years, and for this we were thankful. Meeting B and D Companies in the First and Second Rounds, we won 5–1 and 6–1, to play our last year's opponents in the Final. As last year, a real sporting game was played, which was without score at half-time. The change of ends, however, did not suit C Company, and we won 4–0, a victory for which we had to fight all the time. The team was composed of Sergt. Read, Sergt. Brinklow, Capt. E. H. Clarkson, Sergt. Champion, C.S.M. Nall, Sergt. Wallis, 2nd Lieut. B. H. L. Ewin, L.Corpl. Newton, Riflemen Beardsall and Davenport, and Corpl. Revill. Special mention should be made of the play of Sergts. Brinklow and Wallis, while C.S.M. Nall and Rifleman Davenport were very good.

The Brigade and the Battalion Cross-Country were run together, and whilst the Company won the Alec Black Cup, we failed by one point to win the Brigade Cup, a very fine performance, upon which all the runners are to be congratulated.

The Seely Shield Team this year was commanded by 2nd Lieut. B. H. L. Ewin, and was rendered more equal by the changed conditions. The turn-out was good, but the pleasing thing to the spectator was the reserves turning up and also men not picked even as reserves. After a most exciting day A Company proved the winners by the very narrow margin of 2 points, C Company being second with 268, with D Company 1 point behind. As usual, it was the shooting which assisted us most and 2nd Lieut. Ewin and

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all members of the team are to be congratulated on a very fine show.

The Colonel Bradwell Cup and the Captain Player Cup have not yet been awarded, as there are still some more recruits to fire and their scores will count towards both these trophies. The Commanding Officer's Stick for the smartest man is awarded to Rifleman Newton, who has since been promoted.

The Sir Jesse Boot Bowl for Inter-Company shooting has been won by A Company in the Battalion rifle meeting which was held on Saturday, 30th August. The shoot was close and exciting and the team are to be congratulated, especially C.S.M. Nall, who won the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup. Apologies are due for the brevity of the account of the meeting, but details are not available before the time of going to press.

B (M.G.) Company

Major B. H. Brewill.
Lieut. P. R. Allen.
Lieut. F. N. Cowley.
Lieut. F. W. M. Leman.
C.S.M. J. T. Jackson.
C.Q.M.S. R. C. Mortimer.

In writing the Company report for the past year, it seems only right to start with a few remarks on the pre-camp training. In addition to the usual company training, numerous courses were held, some in the Drill Hall and some at Cotgrave; these were well attended and the keenness and enthusiasm shown by those present was excellent. The company training followed the usual lines—except that we had three Sundays in the country, this year at Cotgrave instead of Ollerton, or Bunny. The attendance at these company parades showed an improvement, but our difficulty at the moment is to find a spot near enough to the Drill Hall to which we can take our limbers—the idea of towing them behind a Barton's bus being unpopular with those in authority—as a result our limber drill is still in need of improvement.

Before coming to the subject of camp, mention must be

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made of the promotion of our company commander to the rank of Major.

Our marching-in strength was 4 Officers and 65 Other Ranks. 6 Other Ranks arrived with the second-week party, only three men not attending camp at all, these three being absent with leave. The first event of importance in camp was the Brigade Commander's Marching Order Inspection, which to the great disappointment of all ranks we lost, to D Company, by one point.

The first week for us was spent in or near camp doing specialized training, which although most beneficial to us as machine gunners, was undoubtedly detrimental to our chance in the Drill Competition.

During the second week we went out as a company with the Battalion on field training. For our work on these days we may justly congratulate ourselves, having been complimented by the Machine-Gun umpire. The tactical handling of limbers over stone walls was one of the features of this training; No. 7 Platoon causing considerable surprise by producing a limber on the top of a precipice, and further managing to bring it down again. Up to the present the platoon commander has not received any bills for gate posts or hub caps damaged in this undertaking. One of the points of the last day's training was the skill displayed in the management of bicycles, which rather surprisingly resulted in no casualties.

Within a short time of our return from camp the competition for the Seely Shield took place. In this we only succeeded in securing fourth place, but this should not unduly discourage us. We do not fire the annual course with the rifle, which is of course a great handicap, and in any case we can console ourselves with the thought that on turn-out and march discipline there was little to choose between any of the teams, and further we paraded with a full team and one man to spare.

At the end of our second year as a M.G. Company, we can look back on the past year with no little satisfaction, for though there is still much for us to learn we have improved a lot, and the enthusiasm of the whole Company promises well for the future. As for Ulverston, it is now agreed that

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it was an excellent camp, though the look of the town itself and the surrounding country very early on the first Sunday morning was not encouraging.

C COMPANY

Captain E. N. Deall.
Lieut. A. F. Roberts.
Lieut. J. H. Bradwell.
C.S.M. F. Ellis.
C.Q.M.S. H. Eborall.

1930 has certainly justified the optimistic outlook held at the end of last training season. The all-round improvement has been extraordinary, and without doubt this has been largely due to the series of winter courses organized by the Adjutant, and the competitive spirit engendered by the Champion Company Competition.

Our main success this year was the winning of the Drill Competition. It proved a rather keen affair and unquestionably brought out the finest team spirit in the Company.

We gained second place in the Seely Shield Competition, losing by the narrow margin of two points to A Company. We heartily congratulate them on a most excellent win. Mention must be made of our poor standard of shooting on this occasion, which must be improved. To lose a competition by only two points in the aggregate and to be fifty musketry points below the winners calls for great attention next year.

The Football Final found us again opposed to our old rivals, A Company, and the result of this game will doubtless be found in their notes. While on the subject of sport, the response to the appeal made by the Adjutant towards the funds of the Battalion Football Team was most generous, and it is pleasing to note that the Company's contribution was easily the largest in the Battalion.

The Major White Cup Competition resulted in our tieing for the second place with H.Q. Wing.

Annual training at Ulverston was thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks and proved a most satisfactory camp. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the assistance given by the

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Officers and N.C.O.s of the 1st Battalion, who showed a keen appreciation of our difficulties and a ready will to help on all occasions. It must have given our late Colonel-in-Chief great pleasure to see professional and amateur working so well in unison, when it is remembered how much of the latter part of his useful and active life was devoted to this one end.

Two N.C.O.s per company were sent from each battalion in the Brigade for selection to complete the Depot Demonstration Platoon and the retention, for the duration of camp, of L.Corpls. H. Toop and O. Connor is a matter for congratulation.

The Brigade Guard (Sergt. L. H. Lilley) mounted by the Company a few hours after arrival in camp was inspected by the Brigade Commander, Colonel H. W. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., and congratulated on its smart appearance.

D Company

It is written of Moses that he led the Israelites for forty years in the Wilderness of Sin because of his exceeding meekness, and the same virtue enables Territorial company commanders to lead their flocks through the series of annual wildernesses in which our lots have lately been cast. At the moment of entraining for the wilderness of 1930, D Company numbered 3 Officers and 123 Other Ranks; 3 Officers and 113 Other Ranks were able to sojourn for the prescribed period; both figures are the highest for many years.

Owing to the substitution of "charabanc outings" for a number of evening drills, preliminary training was more interesting and better attended than usual; the standard of intelligence and training of the recruits was also good this year. Fortified by these considerations and by the excellent and well-attended classes conducted by the Adjutant for N.C.O.s we looked forward to annual training in camp with more confidence.

After the usual false starts and some secret and confidential brushing-up of the section handling, the Company was able to perform with general credit in the time-honoured dramas; the encounter attack (including re-organization,

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consolidation and exploitation), the advanced guard to a larger force proceeding in an easterly direction, and the pursuit of a Beeston enemy going west.

This year the Brigade exercise or "big parade" was performed in two acts presented on separate days. As Act I lasted for nine hours (longer even than that vaunted feat of endurance, the Passion Play of Oberammergau) this was a wise arrangement. The programme went somehow thus:

ACT I, SCENE 1: A road near Dalton in Furness. Enter R. Troops marching with band playing. Loud music and exeunt L.

SCENE 2: The Field of Battle. The same Troops are discovered fighting. A flourish, and enter R., an Under Secretary of State and several Generals attended by Staff Officers, Grooms, Chauffeurs and others. Exeunt Troops L., still fighting.

SCENE 3: A road near the camp. Enter L. Troops marching with band playing soft music and exeunt R.

ACT II, SCENE: A Blasted Heath. Enter R. Troops advancing. Alarums without, and enter suddenly a number of cars of popular make festooned with sackcloth. These execute a Morris Dance and exeunt. A peal of near ordnance is shut off and exeunt owners.

The Milner Trophy (Marching Order) and Drill Competitions were divided in camp, and we were placed first and second respectively, to our genuine surprise in each case. At the moment of writing we are finishing third in the Seely Shield, three points behind the winners. The Company Championship which we won in 1929 has not yet been awarded this year. The Champion Platoon of the Company is No. 16 (Beeston), which again represented the Battalion in the Divisional Competition. The Guard-Mounting Stick was won by Rifleman Oswin. Corpl. Dexter has been appointed L.Sergt. (Acting), and Rifleman Cross and L.Corpls. Outram and Smith have been promoted Corporals. Riflemen Daykin, Hughes, Savage and Shipman have been appointed L.Corpls.

Taking it all in all, a cheery and successful year and we shall be pleased to look upon its like again.

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Captain T. Roberts.
Lieut. E. R. Trotman.
C.S.M. A. E. Cotton.

The Company can look back on the past year as one of success from a training point of view. The Band and Buglers under Bandmaster W. R. Roberts and Bugle-Major T. Allwood, respectively, are to be congratulated on a great improvement. They fulfilled several public engagements in Nottingham during the past year. Their smart turn-out and precision during the ceremony of the "Beating of the Retreat" being particularly favourably commented on by the citizens of Nottingham, who assembled in the Council House Square to watch this interesting and intricate piece of ceremonial. The Transport Section under Sergt. Blatherwick, whose first year it was as transport sergeant, was very highly praised by the Brigade Commander when he inspected the Battalion at Edge Hill Camp. He referred particularly to the condition and cleanliness of both harness and animals. At the Brigade Transport Competition they secured second place, losing to the 6th Battalion by a narrow margin of points. In the Brigade Gymkhana, however, they succeeded in winning the Réveillé Race. A real test of efficiency and one on which all who participated are to be congratulated.

20 N.C.O.s and men of the Signal Section attended Annual Camp for the full period, and the progress made was excellent. 10 N.C.O.s and men obtaining 100 per cent., 5 men getting 1st Class reports, 2 of which are this year's recruits. The remaining 5 men are also this year's recruits, including 3 boys who are making good progress. This reflects great credit on Sergt. Walker and Corpl. Dexter, on whom the brunt of the work fell owing to the unavoidable absence of the Signalling Officer (Lieut. E. R. Trotman) for the first week in camp.

The strength of the Company at present is 2 Officers and 135 Other Ranks. Of this number 2 Officers and 125 Other Ranks attended Annual Camp.

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VIII

8TH BATTALION NOTES

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found a Memoir of Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien; it is not, therefore, within our province to repeat what has been written by an abler writer.

We feel, however, that we must record, on behalf of all ranks, our deep sympathy with Lady Smith-Dorrien. Sir Horace visited Newark in 1925 and 1929, when he attended our Annual Service, which commemorates the opening of St. George's Chapel, and for this reason we feel we had a special tie with our Colonel. At camp this year he dined in our Mess, and expressed his wish to come again to Newark in October, and we understand he would have accepted an invitation to attend our Officers' Dinner.

Ever since he has come to our Annual Camp, we have had nothing but help and encouragement, and his courteous kindliness was shed on all with whom he came in contact.

The year opens once again with our Regimental Week-end at Newark. We split the festivities this year as an experiment, and had the Dinner on Friday, 18th October, 1929, at the Town Hall, the Church Parade on the 20th, and the Dance on the following Friday, 25th October. The Sergeants held their Annual Dinner on Saturday, the 19th.

The Church Parade and Commemoration Service on Sunday, the 20th, was reported very ably in the *Newark Herald*, and we quote from it:—

"The Annual Memorial Service to the officers and men of the 8th Sherwood Foresters who fell in the War, always an impressive ceremony, was made doubly so on Sunday when tablets were unveiled to the memory of two gallant officers

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of the Battalion—Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Fowler and Lieut.-Colonel B. W. Vann, V.C., M.C.

"Colonel Fowler was killed at Hohenzollern Redoubt on October 15th, 1915. The 8th Battalion had had a gruelling time in the Redoubt and were being relieved by the Guards, when Colonel Fowler took a last glance over the top to see if he could find any trace of Major Becher—the last signs of whom were the flashes of his lamp—and was killed instantaneously by a sniper's bullet.

"Colonel Vann was killed while leading the 6th Battalion at Ramicourt in 1918. He was described on one occasion by General Allenby as the most fearless officer he had ever met. Wounded at least eight times, he was awarded the M.C. and Bar, the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, and his consistent gallantry was further recognized—alas! after his death—by the award of the V.C. At the outbreak of war Colonel Vann was a curate in a Leicester parish.

"The Mayor (Councillor C. H. Dale) and members of the Corporation attended the service in state, and the procession from the Town Hall was headed by General Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., accompanied by Colonel B. Abel Smith, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., A.D.C., Colonel A. C. Clarke, T.D., Mr. C. Constable Curtis, D.L., J.P., and Captain H. L. B. Mills, Adjutant of the 8th Battalion.

"The route of procession was lined by The Sherwood Foresters under Captain T. A. Ford and by members of the Old Comrades' Association under Colonel C. J. Huskinson, O.B.E., who was accompanied by Captain H. P. G. Branston and Captain A. H. Quibell, D.S.O. The 8th Battalion band led the way.

"The church was crowded, and serving and past Sherwood Forester Officers present, in addition to those mentioned, included Lieut.-Colonel W. Coape Oates, D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Mr. W. A. Warwick, Major W. C. C. Weetman, M.C., Major A. L. Ashwell, D.S.O., Major J. K. Lane, Major H. Hume, O.B.E., Captain C. Davenport, Captain J. Kirkland, Captain B. Dowson, Captain H. Whitton, Captain W. H. Allen, Captain J. S. C. Oates, D.S.O., M.C., Captain G. Wright, Captain C. P. Elliott, M.C., Lieut. Dady, D.C.M., Lieut. G. Browne, Lieut. E. G. C. Beckwith, Lieut. P. J. B. Branston,

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Lieut. G. Fosbery, Lieut. J. Mitchell, Lieut. G. N. B. Huskinson, and 2nd Lieut. R. M. Beaumont.

"During the singing of the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell,' a procession was formed to St. George's Chapel, composed of General Sir H. Smith-Dorrien, Colonel Abel Smith, Colonel A. C. Clarke, Mrs. Fowler (mother of Colonel Fowler), Mrs. D'Oyley Ransom (sister), Mrs. Stapleton Smith and Mrs. Pritchard-Barratt (nieces), and Mrs. Vann (widow of Colonel Vann), and here the unveiling ceremony was performed by the General, who referred to Colonel Fowler and Colonel Vann as 'very gallant and brave officers.' He then said:

> "'In this sacred place we unveil these Tablets to the Memory of Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Fowler, who fell when leading the Battalion in the attack on the Hohenzollern Redoubt, October 15th, 1915;
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> "'And to the Memory of Lieut.-Colonel B. W. Vann, V.C., M.C., 1st/8th Sherwood Foresters, who fell at the Battle of Ramicourt, when commanding the 6th Battalion, October 3rd, 1918.'

"There followed the ceremony of dedication by the Archdeacon of Newark, The Venerable E. Hacking.

"The procession then re-entered the nave to the singing of 'O Valiant Hearts.'

"The Vicar of Newark (the Rev. W. Kay, D.S.O., M.C., M.A.) gave a spirited and inspiring address, and an impressive service concluded with the Band playing a fanfare leading up to the National Anthem. Dr. W. A. Hall, F.R.C.O., was at the organ and the Band was under the baton of Bandmaster Coyne.

"General Smith-Dorrien afterwards conducted an inspection of the Old Comrades in the Butter Market, and spoke of the recent activities of The Sherwood Foresters, describing a recent parade as 'a magnificent and inspiring spectacle.'

"Medals were presented to Sergt. Hayes, Sergt. Foottit and Pte. White, and a bar to R.Q.M.S. Powell.

"On the return to the Town Hall, the Mayor dispensed hospitality to his guests and thanked them for their attendance

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that morning. It had been a memorable occasion and one which would live in his memory as long as he lived. The Service they had had in the Parish Church had made a deep impression. They could not help recalling men they knew who had passed on, and his thoughts brought to his mind that prominent Newark gentleman, Major Becher—a fine figure of a man, who with others went to do his duty and did not return. The Mayor hoped they would be able to continue those annual gatherings of The Sherwood Foresters. They thanked the Vicar for his splendid address, and for the excellent arrangements for the service which had passed off without a hitch.

"Colonel Clarke, in reply, thanked the Mayor for his hospitality in inviting them there. They had been very lucky to have the General with them, and it was unfortunate that he had had to rush off to Chesterfield, otherwise he would have been very pleased to have been with them in that room, and the speaker had no doubt he would have availed himself of their generosity. On behalf of all the officers he thanked them."

The Officers' Dance was held on the following Friday in the Town Hall. A dense fog settled down on the line of the Trent early in the evening, but in out of the weather everyone spent a thoroughly enjoyable time. Clifford Essex and his band again played for us, and the arrangements throughout were a great credit to the organizers. The fog was thicker than ever when we emerged, fortified by breakfast, at 3 a.m., into the Market Square, and most of us went home in second gear and a horrid fear of losing the red tail-lamp of the car next in front.

On the next day, Saturday, 26th October, the Officers' Annual Shoot for the Snuff Box was fired on Collingham Range. The light was variable, but there was no wind. The Adjutant, Captain H. L. B. Mills, scored a well-deserved win with 32 points out of 40, while Major Weetman and Captain Ford tied as runners-up.

While on the subject of Rifle Shooting, we give hereunder the Musketry Results for 1929, published too late for the last *Annual.*

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Challenge Cups were awarded as follows :—

Trained Men : Pte. Bayliss, F.A. B Company.
Recruits : Pte. Taylor, C. B Company.
Inter-Section (Rifle) : No. 13 Section. B Company (Average 122·5).
Inter-Platoon (Rifle) : No. 8 Platoon. B Company (Average 119·9).
Inter-Company (Rifle and L.A.) : Per cent. of 2nd Class Shots. B Company (Average 13·91).
W.O.s' and Sergts. : Dr.-Major Taylor, S.W. B Company.
Corporals and under : Corpl. Taylor. D Company.
Light Automatic : A Company.
Vickers Gun : No. 2 Platoon. B Company.
Battalion Shot : R.Q.M.S. Powell, T. D Company.

The following appointments, promotions, etc., were published during the winter :—

Colonel H. W. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Commander, 139th (Sherwood Foresters) Infantry Brigade, Territorial Army, *vice* Colonel Harington, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (retired).

Colonel John Harington, to whom we offer our thanks for his interest and enthusiasm for the Brigade, handed over his command on the 26th April to Colonel H. W. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., late of the 60th Rifles.

To Colonel Watson we offer a warm welcome. We feel that though he has only been amongst us for so short a time, he is already one of us. He was, at any rate, fully initiated at camp, for we hear he was hardly ever able to sit down to a comfortable dinner during the full fifteen days, owing to the numerous " engagements " which he attented—usually at the hour of 8 p.m. !

We feel it must be a record, for not only did all Sergeants' Messes claim his presence, but also each Battalion Concert as well.

Captain H. L. B. Mills completed his tour of duty as Adjutant on the 26th April, and was succeeded by Lieut. (Temp. Capt.) A. de Burgh Morris, also from the 1st Battalion.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Captain Mills for all the hard work he put in on behalf of the Battalion in general. His keenness was an incentive to us all, and his knowledge

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of tactical training was the means by which the Battalion showed good progress during the time he was with us. We wish him good fortune and good luck in the years to come.

R.S.M. J. Gibson completed his tour on the 30th January, and took his discharge after twenty-one years' service, of which six were as R.S.M. of this Battalion. We wish him also good luck in the future. He was succeeded by C.S.M. Blake.

Other Permanent Staff changes were: Sergt. Sinton from D to B Company (Southwell), *vice* C.S.M. Blake, and C.Q.M.S. Piper to D Company from the 1st Battalion.

24th July, 1929: 2nd Lieut. P. J. Branston to be Lieut.

2nd October, 1929: Philip Bryan Armstrong (late L.Corpl., Rugby School Contingent Junior Division, O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lieut.

Captain W. Baxter (R.A.M.C.) (T.), attached, qualified in subject (*c*) (ii) at an examination for promotion at Lichfield on 12.10.29.

Lieut. E. G. C. Beckwith qualified in subject (*a*) (i) at an examination for promotion held at Lichfield on 13.10.29.

2nd Lieut. R. A. Bontoft, 8th Foresters, was attached to the Depot, Foresters, from the 11th to 22nd November, 1929, and obtained a satisfactory report.

17th November, 1929: 2nd Lieut. M. C. M. Athorpe to be Lieut.

H.M. The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration upon the under-mentioned Officers, under the Royal Warrant, dated the 13th October, 1920:—

Infantry:

8th Bn. Foresters: Captain Claud Davenport.

1.4.30: Captain C. Davenport, T.D., to be Major.

The 1929–30 training season is noteworthy for the greatest advance so far made in liaison between the Territorial Army and the Regular Battalions.

The Times, reporting on proceedings in the House of Lords, in February said:—

"The bond between the Regular and Territorial branches of the Army, to which Lord De La Warr referred, is to be greatly strengthened during the coming training season,

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and the Army Council has ordained that 1930 is to be a 'Territorial Year.' By the loan of instructors, staff officers, and other personnel, and also of material; by closer affiliation of units; and by means of joint camps or the interchange of visits, the Regulars are to do everything in their power to assist the Territorials' training. If the instructions issued by the Army Council are properly carried out, they should finally remove the idea—perhaps not unfounded in times past—that there is any antagonism to or lack of interest in the Territorial Army still to be found at the War Office or among the higher commands and staff. The co-operation between the affiliated regiments and corps of the two forces has for some years been very close."

We, ourselves, certainly have received invaluable aid from officers and personnel of the 1st Battalion, both before and during camp. On the 22nd February, Captain W. M. Robinson, M.G. Officer of the 1st Battalion, lectured at Battalion Headquarters on the functions and tactics of Machine Guns within the Battalion. Since the formation of the Machine-Gun Company, the powers-that-be have been concentrating on trying to teach us something of the uses of this weapon, and the Officers' Tactical Exercise held this year on the high ground near Bathley, on the 9th March, was based on the " organization of a defensive position with special reference to the M.G. Company."

On the 6th April, Major Sole, G.S.O.2, lectured at the Drill Hall, Newark, on the use of Machine Guns within the Battalion, and on the functions of the Battalion Intelligence Section, on which latter subject more will be found elsewhere in these Notes.

At Whitsuntide, A and B Companies went into camp at Epperstone, with a total strength of 2 Officers and 82 Other Ranks. C and D Companies also had a successful camp near Worksop with a total attendance of 2 Officers and 175 Other Ranks. Both camps were visited by the new Brigade Commander, Colonel H. W. M. Watson, and the Commanding Officer.

Musketry was completed in May, and section and platoon training occupied the remaining week-ends before camp.

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No. 1 Platoon of A Company (Lieut. E. G. C. Beckwith) was selected to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Platoon Competition and was inspected by the Brigadier at Epperstone, Sunday, 22nd June. 30 marks were given for turn-out and arms drill, and 70 for tactical efficiency. We believe our platoon gave quite a good account of itself, but unfortunately we did not get beyond this eliminating round.

The Battalion Annual Rifle Meeting was held at Trent on Saturday, 12th July, and we were lucky enough to get a warm sunny afternoon for it.

The winners of Cups were as follows :—

Trained Men : Pte. J. E. Canlin. C Company.
Recruits : Pte. G. Hartley. D Company.
W.O.s' and Sergts. : Sergt. A. S. Mathers. B Company.
Corporals : Corpl. G. L. Young. B Company.
Light Automatic : A Company.
Vickers Gun : No. 1 Team, B Company.
Battalion Shot : C.S.M. L. A. Whitlam. C Company.

On Sunday, 27th July, the Battalion went into camp with the rest of the Brigade at Edge Hill, Ulverston, Lancs, just on the fringe of the Lake District. The Battalion went north in two trains, "C" and "D" first, followed by "A" and "B." We had a fine day for the move and a great reception from the inhabitants of Ulverston. The site for the camp was about two miles south of the town and the same distance from the seashore. The Officers in camp were :—

Colonel A. C. Clarke, T.D.
Major W. C. C. Weetman, M.C.
Major C. Davenport, T.D.
Captain H. A. F. Crewdson.
,, T. A. Ford.
,, B. H. Dowson.
,, J. Kirkland.
Lieut. E. G. C. Beckwith.
,, C. P. Warner.
,, P. J. Branston.
,, M. C. M. Athorpe.

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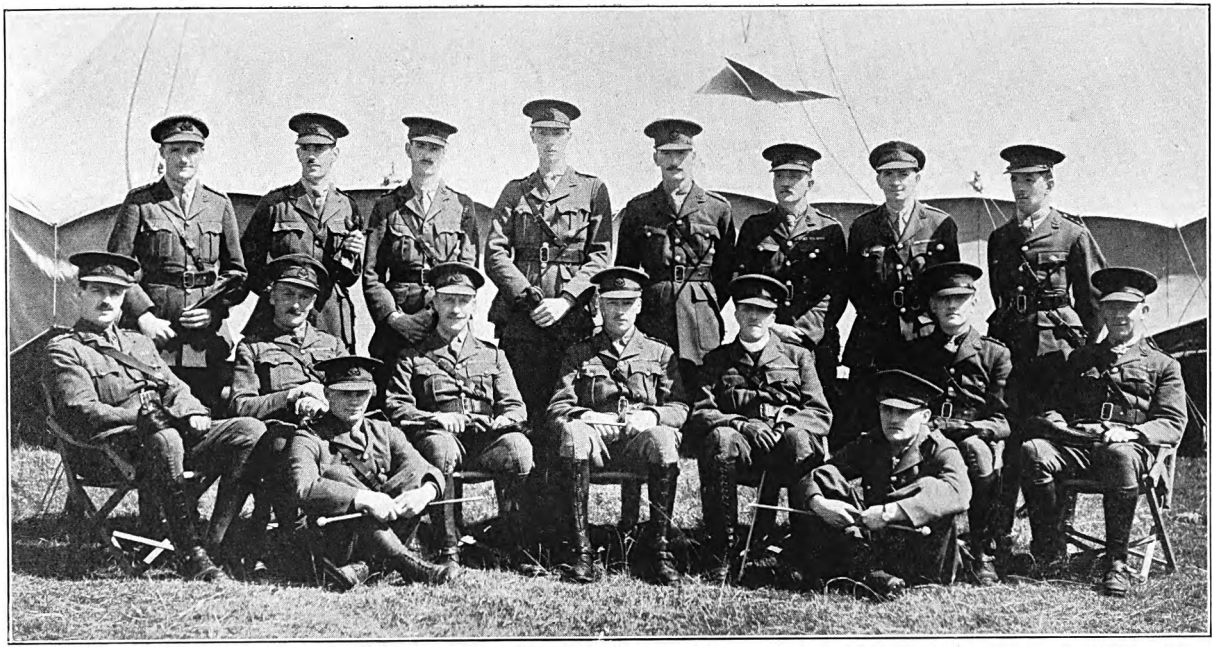

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2nd Lieut. R. M. Beaumont.
,, R. B. Bradley.
,, P. B. Armstrong.
Lieut. and Qr.Mr. C. H. Dady, D.C.M.
Captain and Adjt. A. de B. Morris.
Captain W. Baxter, R.A.M.C. (T.), attached.

1st Battalion Officers attached to the Mess were Captain Gregory, Captain Hutchings, Lieut. Cockburn and Lieut. Sadler.

We were very glad again this year to have with us in Camp Officers and N.C.O.s of the 1st Battalion. The wish we expressed last year, that we should have an increased number, was fulfilled, and we are sure that the additional expense entailed was fully justified. We had in addition, the services of Major Jolley, R.M., straight from the Staff College, and we feel sure that we gained knowledge and wisdom from his daily advice and helpful interrogation: at any rate, one company commander did, for he could not really quench his thirst for military knowledge until Nottingham was reached after our return! We shall look for the right solution for years to come!

The following Diary gives some account of events:—

Monday, 28th July.—Shaking down. Battalion Parade taken by the R.S.M.

Tuesday, 29th July.—Platoon Training. B (M.G.) Company trained in camp under B.M.G.O. "A," "C" & "D" off to "D" Area for the morning. A heavy downpour which lasted most of the morning interrupted field work somewhat. Cocoa and biscuits for the troops and beer and cake for the officers came out by limber to cheer us up.

Wednesday, 30th July.—Sword drill for Subalterns at 7 a.m. in the Mess Ante-Room. Pouring with rain outside. Cleared later. C.O.'s inspection of A and D Companies in full marching order. Out on to "B" Area afterwards for Company training. "Encounter attack" on Birkrigg Hill.

Inter-Company Football: "C" beat "B"; score: 5–2.
"D" beat "A"; score: 2–1.

B Company found Brigade Guard.

Thursday, 31st July.—C.O.'s marching-order inspection

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of B (M.G.) and C Companies. A fine day throughout, but a cold breeze off the sea. A, C and D Companies did an encounter attack on "A" area in succession, under the direction of the G.O.C. 46th (N.M.) Division (Gen. Sir Percy Hambro). Main lessons: fire plan, and advancing in bounds to intermediate objectives.

C Company found Brigade Guard.

Friday, 1st August.—Damp and chilly: a grey morning, turning to rain about 6 p.m. Brigade Commander's inspection at 8.30, followed by clothing inspection by second-in-command. At 10.30 A, C and D Companies, with three Companies of the Robin Hoods, marched out to Birkrigg Common to watch a demonstration of "Platoon in attack" by Captain Gregory and N.C.O.s of the 1st Battalion. Rain fell lightly.

Lecture for Officers and R.S.M.s of Brigade at 2.45 in Y.M.C.A. Tent, by Major N. K. Jolley, Royal Marines (Staff College), on "The Situation in Europe." Very interesting. Officers practised for to-morrow's Gymkhana. Company Football: "D" beat "C," 5–2.

Saturday, 2nd August.—Showery all morning. Deluge, thunder and lightning at lunch-time. A sunny spasm for about half an hour to entice the spectators to the Gymkhana, and then solid rain till nearly 6 o'clock.

A and D Companies paraded 8.30 for clothing inspection, and were then under Company Commander's arrangements till 11.30. Lieut. Sadler (1st Bn.) gave a lecture on "Gas" to C Company, and the M.O. a lecture on "Hygiene" to D Company.

At 11.30 C.O.'s parade in drill order to practise ceremonial (on the football field).

After lunch, most of the Brigade turned out to participate in, or watch, the Gymkhana, in a field behind the Y.M.C.A. Tent. (See Programme.) The Battalion won the first event.

The most popular event, judging by the number of entries, was the V.A.D. Race for Officers, which was fortunately completed before the rain came. Our entry for the Réveillé Race (Limbers) was rather an "also ran": Captain and Adjutant A. de B. Morris was our only entry for the jumping, and our only other success was Lieut. M. C. M. Athorpe, who

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finished second in the bare-back potato race. Rain fell solidly, and almost continuously through the greater part of the programme.

GYMKHANA

Held at Edge Hill Camp, Saturday, 2nd August, 1930, commencing 3 p.m.

PROGRAMME

EVENT NO.

1. *Driving Competition.*
   Team of two limbers.
   Order of Driving: 6th, 5th, 8th and 7th Battalions, followed by R.C.S.
   Judges for this competition were:—
   The Brigade Commander.
   Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O.
   Major C. Davenport, T.D.
2. *V.A.D. Race.* Officers.
3. *Réveillé Race.*
4. *Officers' Jumping.*

5th Battalion.	6th Battalion.
Lieut. Buxton.	Major Robinson.
Lieut. Wilson.	Capt. Jackson.
	Lieut. Carline.
	Lieut. Houldsworth.

7th Battalion.	8th Battalion.
Col. Brewill.	Capt. Morris.
Capt. Cooper.	Lieut. Athorpe.
Lieut. Rook.	

   Faults: Refusal, 2.
   Forefeet, 2.
   Hindfeet, 1.
   Judges: Brigade Commander.
   Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O.
   Major C. Davenport, T.D.
5. *Wrestling on Horseback.*
   Draw—First Round: 5th and 7th Battalions.
   Byes: 6th and 8th R.C.S.

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6. *Potato Race.* Officers only.

7. *Relay Race.*
Judges: Brigade Commander.
Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O.
Major C. Davenport, T.D.

8. *Musical Chairs.*

Sunday, 3rd August.—A hot, sunny summer day, bright sunshine till nightfall, when it turned to heavy rain.

Staff parade at 8.0. Battalion parade, drill order with rifles, at 8.20. Officers with swords. Lieuts. Branston and Athorpe carried the Colours (cased). Battalions assembled on Brigade Parade Ground to practise ceremonial (about a mile out of camp). Troops were remarkably steady on parade and the Brigade Commander (Colonel Watson) complimentary. Church Parade followed, attended also by Divisional Signals and R.A.M.C. Lieut.-Colonel Dick (6th Bn.) was thrown from his horse early on this parade and had three ribs broken, but remounted and carried on, and through Church Parade, and led his Battalion back to camp before collapsing. He was later removed to hospital.

G.O.C. 46th Division (General Hambro) attended Church Parade and took the salute of the Brigade as it marched back to camp.

Many took advantage of the motor-coach "round tours" to see something of the Lake District and neighbouring towns. Morecambe was well patronized, and some of the more enterprising even got as far as Blackpool!

Rain came on very heavily about 9 p.m. and continued solidly all night.

Monday, 4th August.—Rain, solid, unbroken, soaking rain, all night and till after dinners. The lines very muddy at junctions and at gaps through the stone walls (leading to dining tents, exits, etc.), but otherwise not so bad as might have been expected.

Lectures for companies in dining-tents 10.0 to 12.0. (*a*) for all section commanders, by Major Jolley (R. Marines), on Imperial communications, (*b*) for all Officers, by Captain F. H. Vindon, Suffolk Regiment (from Staff College, Camber-

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ley), on the Battle of Ethe, 22nd August, 1914, illustrating the encounter attack, and some lessons from it.

Subaltern Officers—instruction in use of the prismatic compass and map reading.

At 2.30 : Court of Inquiry : President, Captain Kirkland ; Members, Lieut. E. G. C. Beckwith and 2nd Lieut. Armstrong ; to inquire into the breaking of a G.S. Waggon Pole and a L.G.S. limber breast-pole.

Company Commander's reconnaissance of to-morrow's scheme.

A Company found Brigade Guard.

Tuesday, 5th August.—A lovely day—summer's recovery. Scheme : Battalion in the encounter attack. Two battalions supposed to have landed on the peninsula, south of Ulverston, with orders to push inland and seize high ground in the direction of the Barrow-Ulverston road, to cover the landing of two further divisions. 8th Battalion based on Scales, on right, and an imaginary battalion on left. A successful thrust by C and D Companies landed us up on our old friend, Birkrigg Common, and we went home to lunch.

Lecture at 5.45 on Tanks by Captain Sargeaunt, Royal Tank Corps, G.S.O.3, York.

8th Foresters' Sergeants' Mess Guest Night. With the 8th Officers arrived also the Brigade Commander (Colonel Watson) and Lieut.-Colonel Foster (1st Bn.). The Brigadier led several choruses on the piano. The Army Football Cup, won last season by the 1st Battalion, was on view.

Wednesday, 6th August.—Réveillé 5.45, and another fine day. Battalion paraded at 7.40. Marching order, less packs, L.A.s in limbers and each troop with a haversack ration. Marched, to the tune of "Amy" and others, via Brigade H.Q., due west to the Ulverston-Dalton road, through Dalton-in-Furness, and left to the starting-line of a two-battalion show, 8th on left, 7th on right—again the encounter attack. A Company was advanced guard to the Battalion, and after a good morning's fighting the Battalion's first objective, the Burial Chamber [*sic*] fell to our arms. The Battalion marched back to camp and had dinners at 2.45.

An aeroplane demonstration arranged for this afternoon was cancelled.

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Thursday, 7th August.—Battalion parade. Marching order, less packs, at 8.30. Officers were fallen out to study to-morrow's plan of campaign and discuss yesterday's battle in the Mess ante-room, while the R.S.M. took A, C and D Companies in company and battalion drill. Officers' sword drill at 10.20. Battalion paraded 11.30 with limbers and marched to the track above Bardsea (leading to the moor), where D (on left) and C (right) made an attack on high ground west and south-west of camp, "A" in reserve. Rather a half-hearted battle, which finished in the lines plumb on dinner-time.

Brigade Cross-Country Run, 2½ miles over very rough country. A hard course. Results, 5th, 7th and 6th. 8th Team did not complete. (Only 6 out of the 8 finished.)

Officers' Mess Guest Night. 45 at dinner with the Brigade Commander the principal guest. A very good evening.

Friday, 8th August.—Battalion parade 8.30. Marching order, less packs. Marched to Great Urswick for second phase of the attack which began on Wednesday. Two battalion front, 6th on right, 8th on left, A Company right front, "D" on left front. First objective carried with great dash by two forward Companies, but owing to sticky moving on our right we were held up there for nearly two hours. At that point the guns (imaginary) registered on the enemy position in front of our right Company, and with no imaginary effect, as some twenty or thirty charges of ammonal went up in succession. The wave went forward, and Birkrigg Common was ours.

Conference at 2.30 for all Officers and Platoon Commanders, in the Y.M.C.A. Tent, addressed by the Brigade Commander, the Divisional Commander, and General Sir Cameron Shute, G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command.

Final of Inter-Battalion Football. 8th beat 5th by 4–3 after a most exciting match, the 8th having been down with no goals and two against at half-time. General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien presented the Brigade Shield to the winners.

D Company Team: Pte. Bacon, Pte. Chandler, Sergt. Cleary, Pte. Footitt, L.Corpl. Hepworth, Pte. Hickman, Corpl. Jepson, Pte. Lane, Pte. Langhorse, Pte. Morris, L.Corpl. Wells. (Illustration facing page 163.)

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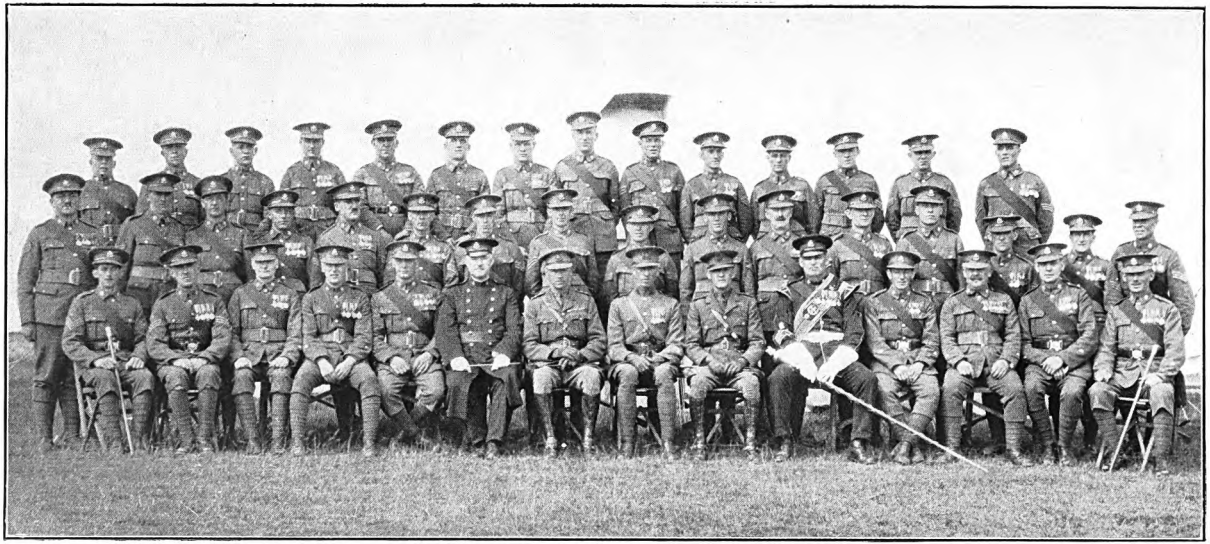

WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS, 8TH BATTALION
ULVERSTON
1930

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The following Officers dined in Mess: General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., Maj.-General Sir Percy O. Hambro, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., Colonel H. W. M. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Maj.-General Sir Hugh J. Elles, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel J. K. Watson, C.M.G., C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel G. D. Goodman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., T.D., Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D., Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Brewill, T.D.

A Charity Ball in aid of the Ulverston District Cottage Hospital was held at the Golf Hotel, Grange-Over-Sands, "under the distinguished patronage of Major-General Sir Percy O. Hambro, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., Commanding 46th (North Midland) Division, and the Officers of the Division camped in the area," and most of the Mess turned out to it.

Saturday, 9th August.—Brigade Ceremonial Parade, 8.15 on Battalion Parade Ground. Marched out to Brigade Parade Ground, where formed up.

The *Ulverston News* described the Ceremonial Parade as follows:—

"Despite the rain of the early morning, many people climbed the hill to the camp at Edge Hill to witness the culminating ceremony, the inspection of the Brigade by General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien.

"The vast slopes of the hill presented an ideal parade ground for the purpose, and the scene as the famous General rode through the ranks on his grey charger was an inspiring one. The other distinguished visitors included Colonel Watson (a brother of the Brigade Commander) and Colonel C. J. Huskinson, O.B.E. (who was Colonel of the 8th Battalion during the War, and had come over from Pateley Bridge for the event). After presenting several long-service medals, following the impressive march past of the whole of the battalions, General Smith-Dorrien addressed the troops. Referring to the disappointment he felt at being unable to come to Ulverston earlier in order to witness some of the training, he said that since his arrival on Friday he had been greatly impressed by the smartness of the men. Unfortunately, last week he had been compelled to alter his plans,

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as he was asked to go over to France to perform a duty—not a very pleasant one—of unveiling a war memorial to our missing, amongst whom were numbered about 300 or 400 of their own beloved Corps. He was glad to see that the four battalions in camp at Ulverston, together with the two Regular Battalions of The Sherwood Foresters, formed one happy family, and he laid special emphasis on the fact that the number coming to the Territorials this year had largely increased, no less than 20 Regular officers and 30 N.C.O.s having come up, which, he considered, was a splendid example of the interest the Regular Army took in their comrades. It was of the utmost importance that the Regiment as a whole should get a good name, and that could only be accomplished if every individual got a good name. So they must remember, wherever they were, they were The Sherwood Foresters, and had got a big reputation to uphold. He heard on all sides that The Sherwood Foresters was one of the best Territorial Brigades in the whole country, and from what he had seen since his arrival, he was absolutely certain of it.

"Referring to the great performances of the Regiment, the General said the 1st Battalion had won the Army Football Association Cup, one of the most cherished and greatest trophies in the Army. They had made great successes at Olympia last time they had been on duty in London, and had acquired a reputation in the Metropolis, through their smartness on guard duty, which led to their being compared with the famous regiments of the Guards. This high praise he had received in a letter from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

"The 2nd Battalion in India was making just as high a name, and he was sure from the general attitude of the men before him the traditions would be maintained.

"The parade that morning had astonished him by its perfection, and he congratulated them heartily; in fact, he said, he wished every Regular Battalion was as good as those who had passed before him that morning.

"'Men of The Sherwood Foresters,' the General concluded, 'I had to come back from France to come here, but it was worth it.'

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"The march past on the way back to camp aroused great interest amongst the spectators.

"The playing of the massed bands was one of the features of the ceremony, the popular airs, 'Young May Moon,' 'I'm Ninety-Five,' and 'Colonel Bogey,' being outstanding items."

At the conclusion of the parade and return to Battalion Parade Ground, Colonel Clarke addressed the Battalion and said that it was probably the last time he would command the Battalion on parade, as his time was up. He wished all the best of luck.

Sunday, 10th August.—A cheerless morning—damp and grey. The dining-tents had been struck the previous afternoon, and breakfasts were eaten in tents, out of the rain. Stores handed in and Company baggage dumped at the bottom of Battalion Parade Ground. C and D Companies marched out of camp about 10 a.m. and were away from Ulverston before noon. "A" and "B" had to wait in camp till 12 o'clock, by which time the morning mist had turned to heavy rain. A reluctant Q.M. re-issued waterproof sheets and the right half of the Battalion marched the mile and a half to the station in a downpour, but nevertheless brought the inhabitants to their doors and windows to see (and hear) the last of the Foresters leave Ulverston. We venture to think that Ulverston Camp, 1930, will be remembered, if not as long and as kindly as Redcar in 1926, at least as a good second.

The day after our return from camp we read in the papers the tragic news of the motor-car accident involving our Colonel-in-Chief, and the next day of his death from injuries received.

A Memorial Service on Saturday, the 16th August, in London was attended by Colonel A. C. Clarke, T.D., Captain A. de B. Morris, Captain T. A. Ford, Lieut. P. J. Branston, R.S.M. Blake, C.S.M. Cosgrove, C.S.M. Bayliss, C.S.M. Bee, and C.Q.M.S. Kenworthy.

Our own Memorial Service was held the following day in Newark Parish Church, and was attended by the Mayor and Corporation of Newark; Colonel E. H. Nicholson, T.D.,

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J.P. (Hon. Colonel of the 8th Battalion), Colonel W. Coape Oates, D.S.O., J.P., the Commanding Officer, and a number of Officers were also present. B Company formed a guard-of-honour, with Sherwood Foresters' Old Comrades under Captain H. P. G. Branston and Captain A. H. Quibell, D.S.O. The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Newark, the Rev. J. P. Hales, D.S.O., T.D., giving the address.

On Sunday, the 14th September, the Band and Drums of the Battalion beat "Retreat" in Newark Market Place.

The strength of the Battalion on the 31st July, 1930, was 16 Officers and 583 Other Ranks.

Intelligence Section

(2nd Lieut. R. B. Bradley)

The Intelligence Section was started at the beginning of 1930, but no actual work was done until February. One of the chief difficulties which appeared to face the work of instructing the men was the lack of sufficient data as to their duties and their expected capabilities.

The week-ends during February were used almost entirely for map-reading and compass-work, also to a smaller extent for message-writing, but it was not until we got out on annual training at Annesley Park that any practical use could be made of the work which we had done earlier in the year. The result, which could only be expected, was that we discovered that a good deal of the work had been forgotten and had to be done over again. We were lucky enough to be given constant assistance by the Adjutant, and by the time we got to camp, we had a fair idea of how practical work should be carried out.

The first week in camp was spent almost entirely by the men of the Intelligence Section, working under the instructions of Lieut. D. H. Cockburn, of the 1st Battalion.

As a whole the Section seemed to know their work pretty well, but were not able to demonstrate their proficiency until the second week when, on the Tuesday and Wednesday, they were able to produce rather helpful work in Battalion H.Q. and Brigade H.Q. It was rather to be expected that

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having once sent out your outposts, nothing more would be seen or heard of them until the dinner-time, as the scope for a peaceful siesta was quite obvious. As a matter of fact this did not occur and the men of the Intelligence Section had as much, even more work to do, than most of the men in the ranks.

The work as a whole appeared quite satisfactory considering this is the first year.

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A VERY WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

THE *London Gazette* of the 26th September, 1930, contained the following:

"Foresters. Lieut.-General Sir W. R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., retired pay, to be Colonel, *vice* General Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., deceased. (August 13th)."

We would offer on behalf of all our readers our very hearty good wishes to our new Colonel, and assure him that we shall give him the same whole-hearted loyalty that for twenty-five happy, and never to be forgotten, years, we extended to his great predecessor in his high office.

The *London Gazette* of the 30th September, 1930, announced the following promotion:

"Major-General B. F. Burnett-Hitchcock, C.B., D.S.O., to be Lieut.-General."

He has the hearty congratulations of every one of us.

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GENERAL SIR H. L. SMITH-DORRIEN AND COLONEL H. W. M. WATSON
8TH AUGUST, 1930

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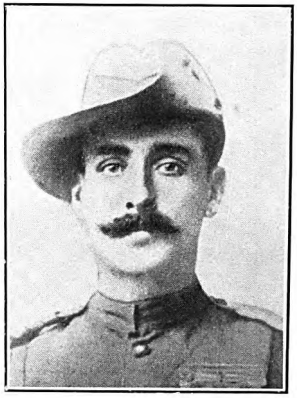
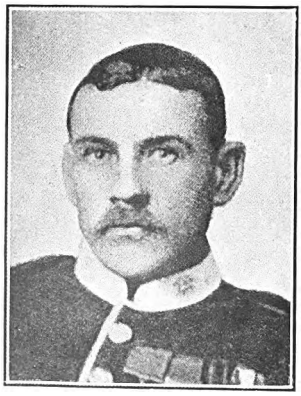
The Victoria Cross.

Lieut. H. S. Pennell
2nd Bn.
1897



Corpl. H. C. Beet
1st Bn. (M.I.)
1900



Pte. W. Bees
1st Bn.
1901

Corpl. J. Upton
1st Bn.
1915

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"THE MOST ENVIABLE ORDER OF THE VICTORIA CROSS"

THIS Order was thus described by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the Dinner he gave in the spring of the year to all holders of the Victoria Cross who could be collected to attend. Since the Order was instituted it has been won by thirteen soldiers of our Regiment, and seven of these were happily able to attend the Dinner: these were, in order of rank, Captain C. G. Vickers, Second-Lieutenant A. J. Knight, Sergeants E. A. Egerton and W. H. Johnson, Corporals F. Greaves and W. Bees and Private J. Upton. Below is some information about the distribution, etc., of the awards, with particulars of the service of those of "Ours" who, from 1858 up to 1918, have won the Victoria Cross. We have been fortunately able to obtain photographs of all but one of our holders for inclusion in this issue of our *Annual*.

Of the total number of V.C.'s awarded, 634 were gained in the following theatres of the Great War:

France and Belgium	502*
Gallipoli	28
Balkans (Salonica)	2
Mesopotamia	20
Egypt	14
East Africa	3
Italy	7
North Russia	2
United Kingdom (Lieut. Robinson's Zeppelin feat at Cuffley)	1
Naval	53
Miscellaneous	2
	634

* Including an additional Bar for Lieut.-Colonel A. Martin-Leake, R.A.M.C., who gained his first V.C. in the Boer War, and for Captain N. G. Chevasse, R.A.M.C., who won both awards on the Western Front.

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For the various campaigns previous to the Great War over five hundred V.C.'s were awarded:

Crimea (1854–55)	112
Baltic (1854–55)	5
Bushire, Persia (1856)	1
Indian Mutiny (1857–59)	184
Persia (1857)	2
Taku Forts, China (1860)	7
China (1862)	1
Umbeyla Campaign, India (1863)	2
Japan (1864)	3
New Zealand (1860–65)	15
Bhootan Campaign, India (1865)	2
Canada (1866)	1
West Africa (1866)	1
Little Andaman Island (1867)	5
Abyssinia (1868)	2
Looshai, India (1872)	1
Ashanti (1873–74)	4
Perak, Malay Peninsula (1875)	1
Gaika-Galeka, S. Africa (1877)	1
Baluchistan (1877)	1
Zulu War (1877–79)	40
Eastern Frontier of India (1879)	1
Afghan War (1878–80)	15
Basuto War (1879–81)	6
Egypt (1882)	3
Soudan (1884–85)	4
Burma (1889 and 1893)	3
Manipur, Burma (1891)	1
Hunza Campaign, India (1891)	3
Tomataba, West Africa (1892)	1
Chitral, N.W.F., India (1895)	1
Rhodesia (1896)	2
Mashonaland (1896)	1
Tirah Campaign, India (1897)	7
Mamund Campaign, India (1897)	3
Soudan (1898)	3
Candia, Crete (1898)	1

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Boer War (1899–1901)	79
Ashanti (1900)	2
Somaliland (1902–04)	6
Thibet (1904)	1
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THE VICTORIA CROSS

AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS, N.C.O.'S AND MEN
OF
THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS,
NOTTS AND DERBY REGIMENT

PTE. BERNARD MCQUIRT
95th Regiment
(India)

For gallant conduct on 6th January, 1858, at the capture of the entrenched town of Rowa, when he was severely and dangerously wounded in a hand-to-hand fight with three men, of whom he killed one and wounded another. He received five sabre-cuts and a musket-shot in this service.

London Gazette, 11th November, 1859.

LIEUT. HENRY SINGLETON PENNELL
2nd Battalion
(India)

This officer, during the attack on the Dargai Heights, on the 20th October, 1897, when Captain W. E. C. Smith, Derbyshire Regiment, was struck down, ran to his assistance and made two distinct attempts, under "a perfect hail of bullets," to carry and drag him back to cover, and only desisted when he found that he was dead.

London Gazette, 20th May, 1898.

CORPL. HARRY CHURCHILL BEET
1st Battn. (Mounted Infantry)
(South Africa)

At Wakkerstroom, on the 22nd April, 1900, No. 2 Mounted Infantry Company, 1st Battalion Derbyshire Regiment, with

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two squadrons Imperial Yeomanry, had to retire from near a farm, under a ridge held by Boers. Corporal Burnett, Imperial Yeomanry, was left on the ground wounded, and Corporal Beet, on seeing him, remained behind and placed him under cover, bound up his wounds, and by firing prevented the Boers from coming down to the farm till dark, when Dr. Wilson, Imperial Yeomanry, came to the wounded man's assistance. The retirement was carried out under a very heavy fire, and Corporal Beet was exposed to fire during the whole afternoon.

London Gazette, 12th February, 1901.

PTE. W. BEES

1st Battalion

(South Africa)

Private Bees was one of the Maxim-gun detachment which at Moedwil, on the 30th September, 1901, had six men hit out of nine. Hearing his wounded comrades asking for water, he went forward, under a heavy fire, to a spruit held by Boers about 500 yards ahead of the gun, and brought back a kettle full of water. In going and returning he had to pass within 100 yards of some rocks, also held by Boers, and the kettle which he was carrying was hit by several bullets.

London Gazette, 7th December, 1901.

NO. 10082, CORPL. JAMES UPTON

1st Battalion

For most conspicuous bravery, near Rouges Bancs, on the 9th May, 1915. During the whole of this day Corporal Upton displayed the greatest courage in rescuing the wounded while exposed to very heavy rifle and artillery fire, going close to the enemy's parapet, regardless of his own personal safety. One wounded man was killed by a shell while this non-commissioned officer was carrying him. When Corporal Upton was not actually carrying in the wounded, he was engaged in bandaging and dressing the serious cases in front of our parapet, exposed to the enemy's fire.

London Gazette, 29th June, 1915.

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No. 6016, Pte. Jacob Rivers

(Late) 1st Battalion

For most conspicuous bravery at Neuve Chapelle, on the 12th March, 1915, when he, on his own initiative, crept to within a few yards of a very large number of the enemy who were massed on the flank of an advanced company of his battalion, and hurled bombs on them. His action caused the enemy to retire, and so relieved the situation. Private Rivers performed a second act of great bravery on the same day, similar to the first-mentioned, again causing the enemy to retire. He was killed on this occasion.

London Gazette, 28th April, 1915.

Second Lieutenant (Temporary Captain)

Charles Geoffrey Vickers

1/7th (Robin Hood) Battn., Sherwood Foresters, T.F.

For most conspicuous bravery on the 14th October, 1915, in the Hohenzollern Redoubt. When nearly all his men had been killed or wounded, and with only two men available to hand him bombs, Captain Vickers held a barrier for some hours against heavy German bomb attacks from front and flank. Regardless of the fact that his own retreat would be cut off, he had ordered a second barrier to be built behind him in order to ensure the safety of the trench. Finally he was severely wounded, but not before his magnificent courage and determination had enabled the second barrier to be completed. A critical situation was thus saved.

London Gazette, 18th November, 1915.

Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) Albert Ball,

D.S.O., M.C.

R.F.C. and 7th Battalion

For most conspicuous and consistent bravery from the 25th of April to the 6th of May, 1917, during which period Captain Ball took part in twenty-six combats in the air and destroyed eleven hostile aeroplanes, drove down two out of control, and forced several others to land.

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In these combats, Captain Ball, flying alone, on one occasion fought six hostile machines, twice he fought five and once four. When leading two other British aeroplanes he attacked an enemy formation of eight. On each of these occasions he brought down at least one enemy.

Several times his aeroplane was badly damaged, once so seriously that but for the most delicate handling his machine would have collapsed, as nearly all the control wires had been shot away. On returning with a damaged machine he had always to be restrained from immediately going out on another.

In all, Captain Ball has destroyed forty-three German aeroplanes and one balloon, and has always displayed most exceptional courage, determination and skill.

London Gazette, 8th June, 1917.

No. 71130, Corpl. Ernest Albert Egerton
16th Battalion

For most conspicuous bravery, initiative and devotion to duty when, during attack, owing to fog and smoke, visibility was obscured, and, in consequence thereof, the two leading waves of the attack passed over certain hostile dug-outs without clearing them. Enemy rifles, assisted by a machine-gun, were, from these dug-outs, inflicting severe casualties on the advancing waves. When volunteers were called for to assist in clearing up the situation, Corporal Egerton at once jumped up and dashed for the dug-outs under heavy fire at short range.

He shot in succession a rifleman, a bomber and a gunner, by which time he was supported, and 29 of the enemy surrendered. The reckless bravery of this N.C.O. relieved in less than thirty seconds an extremely difficult situation. His gallantry is beyond all praise.

London Gazette, 26th November, 1917.

No. 23715, Acting Corpl. Fred Greaves
9th Battalion

For most conspicuous bravery, initiative and leadership, when his platoon was temporarily held up by machine-gun

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fire from a concrete stronghold. Seeing that his platoon commander and sergeant were casualties, and realizing that unless this post was taken quickly his men would lose the barrage, Corporal Greaves, followed by another non-commissioned officer, rushed forward regardless of his personal safety, reached the rear of the building and bombed the occupants, killing or capturing the garrison, and taking four enemy machine-guns. It was solely due to the personal pluck, dash and initiative of this non-commissioned officer that the assaulting line at this point was not held up, and that our troops escaped serious casualties. Later in the afternoon, at a most critical period of the battle, when the troops of a flank brigade had given way temporarily under a heavy counter-attack and when all the officers in his company were casualties, this gallant non-commissioned officer quickly grasped the situation. He collected his men, threw out extra posts on the threatened flank, and opened up rifle and machine-gun fire to enfilade the advance. The effect of Corporal Greaves' conduct on his men throughout the battle cannot be over-estimated, and those under his command responded gallantly to his example.

London Gazette, 26th November, 1917.

CAPTAIN (T/LIEUT.-COLONEL) CHARLES EDWARD HUDSON, D.S.O., M.C.

Then 11th Battalion

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty when his battalion was holding the right front sector during an attack on the British front. The shelling had been very heavy on the right, the trench destroyed, and considerable casualties had occurred, and all the officers on the spot were killed or wounded. This enabled the enemy to penetrate our front line. The enemy pushed their advance as far as the support line which was the key to our right flank. The situation demanded immediate action. Lieutenant-Colonel Hudson, recognizing its gravity, at once collected various headquarter details, such as orderlies, servants, runners, etc., and, together with some Allies, personally led them up the hill. Driving the enemy down hill towards our front line,

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he again led a party of about five up the trench, where there were about 200 enemy, in order to attack them from the flank. He then with two men got out of the trench and rushed the position, shouting to the enemy to surrender, some of whom did. He was then severely wounded by a bomb which exploded on his foot. Although in great pain, he gave directions for the counter-attack to be continued, and this was done successfully, about 100 prisoners and six machine-guns being taken. Without doubt the high courage and determination displayed by Lieutenant-Colonel Hudson saved a serious situation, and had it not been for his quick determination in organizing the counter-attack a large number of the enemy would have dribbled through, and counter-attack on a larger scale would have been necessary to restore the situation.

London Gazette, 11th July, 1918.

CAPTAIN (A/LIEUT.-COLONEL) BERNARD WILLIAM VANN, M.C.

1/8th Battalion; attached 1/6th Battalion. T.F.

For most conspicuous bravery, devotion to duty and fine leadership during the attack at Bellenglise and Lehaucourt on the 29th September, 1918. He led his battalion with great skill across the Canal Du Nord through a very thick fog and under heavy fire from field and machine-guns. On reaching the high ground above Bellenglise the whole attack was held up by fire of all descriptions from the front and right flank. Realizing that everything depended on the advance going forward with the barrage, Lieutenant-Colonel Vann rushed up to the firing-line and with the greatest gallantry led the line forward. By his prompt action and absolute contempt for danger the whole situation was changed, the men were encouraged, and the line swept forward. Later he rushed a field-gun single-handed and knocked out three of the detachment. The success of the day was in no small degree due to the splendid gallantry and fine leadership displayed by this officer.

Lieutenant-Colonel Vann, who had on all occasions set the highest example of valour, was killed near Ramicourt on 3rd October, 1918, when leading his battalion in attack.

London Gazette, 14th December, 1918.

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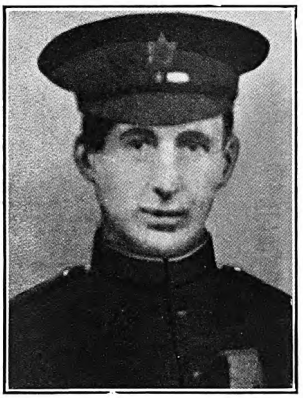
The Victoria Cross.



Pte. J. Rivers
1st Bn.
1915

Capt. C. G. Vickers
1/7th Bn.
1915

Capt. A. Ball
7th Bn. and R.F.C.
1917

Corpl. E. A. Egerton
16th Bn.
1917

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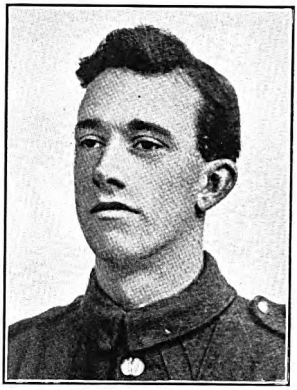
The Victoria Cross.

Corpl. F. Greaves
9th Bn.
1917

Lt.-Col. C. E. Hudson
11th Bn.
1918

Lt.-Col. B. W. Vann
1/8th Bn.
1918



Sergt. W. H. Johnson
1/5th Bn.
1918

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No. 306122, Sergeant William Henry Johnson
1/5th Battalion, T.F.

For most conspicuous bravery at Ramicourt on the 3rd October, 1918. When his platoon was held up by a nest of enemy machine-guns at very close range, Sergeant Johnson worked his way forward under very heavy fire, and single-handed charged the post, bayoneting several gunners and capturing two machine-guns. During this attack he was severely wounded by a bomb, but continued to lead forward his men. Shortly afterwards the line was once more held up by machine-guns. Again he rushed forward and attacked the post single-handed. With wonderful courage he bombed the garrison, put the guns out of action, and captured the teams. He showed throughout the most exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty.

London Gazette, 14th December, 1918.

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XI

THE EXPEDITION TO AND DISASTER AT NEW ORLEANS IN JANUARY, 1815

By one who later was appointed to the command of the 95th Regiment

LETTER FROM COLONEL A. C. WYLLY, C.B., MILITARY SECRETARY TO SIR EDWARD PAKENHAM, TO THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON REGARDING THE NEW ORLEANS EXPEDITION.

ON BOARD H.M.S. "PLANTAGENET,"
4th March, 1815.

The relationship of my late General to the Duchess of Wellington, as well as the distinguished place he held in your Grace's confidence and esteem, will I feel plead as a sufficient excuse for my now trespassing on your time and attention, and indeed, I should consider myself deficient in the respect I bear you were I not to make it my first duty to report to you his gallant but unfortunate fall.

The appointment of Sir Edward Pakenham as Commander of the Forces in the Southern and Western parts of America took place as soon as the death of General Ross was known, and the "Statira," the Frigate in which we embarked, arrived off Chaudeleur Islands on the 24th December last, and on the 25th General Pakenham joined and took command of the Army below New Orleans. The public despatches will have informed your Grace of the operations more accurately perhaps than I have it at this moment in my power to detail them, but the extremely difficult and awkward situation in which Sir Edward Pakenham was placed upon assuming command of the Army, the difficulties he had at once to surmount and provide for, the almost entire dependence he was obliged to place upon the Navy which co-operated with us, and whose means were not in any way adequate to the

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undertaking, and his disappointment in the force which he had expected to find under his orders, are subjects which are likely to be omitted or misrepresented in public as well as private reports; and as in an expedition which has certainly failed in its object and has also been attended with so much loss, blame is very often attached where it is most unmerited, I feel it my duty to state facts as they occurred in justice to the memory of a man whose loss must be universally felt, and for the satisfaction of your Grace under whom he served with so much distinction.

The distance from the anchorage within Ship Island to the landing place of the troops at the head of the Bayone Catalan through Lake Borgne is about 90 English miles, the navigation extremely difficult and the depth of water generally not more than 4 to 6 feet; hence it happened that the supplies of the Army, the stores of every description and whatever reinforcements we occasionally received, were brought up in the boats of the fleet, a few small tenders and five or six Gun boats which had been captured from the enemy. These vessels were often obliged to row the whole distance, were constantly running aground, and sometimes, when the wind set in from the Northward, prevented altogether by the severity of the weather from proceeding. Between the fishermen's huts and the landing place as laid down in the accompanying plan, the Channel becomes so extremely narrow that for the last three or four miles it is hardly capable of admitting two boats abreast. An extensive and impenetrable swamp covered with reeds of six and sometimes ten feet in height runs to the water's edge on each side from where the Bayone is connected with Lake Borgne to the landing place, and from thence along a small channel of about 6 or 7 feet broad to the wood on which our right was posted. Along the back of this canal ran our only road of communication, formerly a track made by the negroes passing to the head of the Bayone and so bad during the high tides and after rain that it employed a very large body of men constantly at work to render it even practicable. A few light cannons were dragged up the Canal to the bridge between Villarets House (Head Quarters) and the landing place, but the great part of the provisions and stores were brought up on men's backs. These were the

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difficulties which made our communication with the fleet exceedingly precarious, and as we had no prospect of drawing any other supply than a few cattle from the small tract of country occupied by us, the inconveniences seemed likely at some time or other to be attended with very serious consequences. The effective strength of the Army on the 25th December did not exceed 4,200 Bayonets.—The Fusiliers and 43rd Regiment had been prevented from joining us by contrary winds or I believe, to speak more correctly, by a thorough want of information as to the part of the country we occupied. (The Senior Naval Officer off Ship Island who had been directed to send a small vessel to look out for the squadron containing Sir J. Lambert's Brigade would not comply with the request or take any responsibility on himself, and the consequence was that they were almost in sight of the fleet at anchor and were then knocked about the mouths of the Mississippi for nearly a fortnight.) One of the West India Regiments had also not been heard of, and our force, small as it was, did not prove to be composed of a description adapted to the undertaking. The 4th and 93rd were strong and excellent Corps. The 21st had everything but discipline to recommend it. The 85th under Colonel Thornton was reduced to about 300 men and the 95th had not the same number in the ranks. Of the 44th Regiment to whom our misfortunes on the 8th have been generally attributed, I can say nothing favourable. Of the 160 men of the 14th Light Dragoons, 10 or 12 only were ever mounted. With respect to the black troops they were actually of no use whatever. Instead of the temperate climate we had been led to expect in Louisiana, we were in general either deluged with rain or the Northerly winds blew with such severity that the cold was almost too much for European constitutions. The unfortunate negroes, who had been brought from the West India Islands without blankets, or clothes capable in any way of keeping them warm, were reduced to such a state of torpidity as to be absolutely incapable of the smallest exertion, and at times could not even be used in the common duties of fatigue. Such was our force.

The position of the enemy as well as our own lay along a perfect flat, intersected with deep ditches and horizontal

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palings. The extent of each about 1,000 yards,—the Mississippi on one flank and a thick impenetrable swampy wood on the other, but this position had been made so strong in consequence of the too correct information the Americans had received from Jamaica when the expedition was fitting out there, and so well supplied with troops that to attempt anything on that point without the means of making a very strong diversion by the Regolets, (Lake Borgne and Lake Portchatrain communicate with each other—the latter running back to the Northward of New Orleans and close to the town where it is considered most assailable. At the mouth of this Lake and where it communicates with Lake Borgne are two small islands called the "Regolets" covering nearly the whole passage, fortified and with an old Man-of-War moored between them. Here was where our communications could be most threatened as the guard-boats employed here could be but little spared from our transport), or the right bank of the Mississippi, was to risk an uncertainty which might, in the event of failure, have placed the Army in a very critical situation. To explain what I have just asserted more particularly I should perhaps mention that the road, which ran from the original landing place along the Bayone Catalan, and from thence across the great stream to the fishermen's huts, did not exist upon our arrival, and that it was only after the 28th when Sir Edward Pakenham had fully reconnoitred the enemy's position that he pointed out to the Engineers the absolute necessity for this communication. (This was no common undertaking; the bog was to be drained, the high tides and rain guarded against and fascines of reeds connected with one another laid on the entire tract over which human footsteps had never before passed.) Secondly —That the boats of the fleet were so far from being ready at all times to carry off the Army in case of a defeat, that they were by no means sufficiently numerous even for the conveyance of stores and provisions and for the protection of our communications against an active and enterprising enemy, who had it fully in his power to annoy us from Lake Portchatrain and the Bayone which runs along the back of the wood to New Orleans and branches into our principal channel of communication. 3rdly—That on the 8th, the day of the

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attack, there were not more than fifteen days' provisions in the whole Fleet and Army.

As far as we have been able to collect with any degree of certainty from our prisoners and the only deserter who came over to us, the force of the enemy on the 4th of January must have amounted to 14 or 15,000 men, composed of four Regiments of the Line—the Militia of the place, and, what constituted by far the greater portion of the whole, the troops from the provinces of Kentucky and Tennessee. At the first landing of our troops their force was composed of about 11,000 men in the Lines. They had a schooner on the river immediately flanking our bivouac which shifted her position from our bank to the other as she wished to annoy us and, without doing us any serious injury, occasioned us great inconvenience. A Ship also was stationed abreast of our advance which on the 27th when the Schooner was burnt by our batteries, sailed up the river and anchored on the right of the enemy's line. On the 28th we drove in their picquets from the farms of Rouda and Bienvenue, and after having reconnoitred their positions under a heavy fire from the ship and batteries we took up a new line, and Sir Edward Pakenham determined to await the arrival of some battering guns from the fleet.

On the 1st of January we opened a heavy fire from six long 18-pounders, 4 Carronades and our Brigade of field guns in position in batteries 1-2-3-4. The intention of this Cannonade was to endeavour in the first place to silence the enemy's guns where it was proposed that we should breach the bank and breast-work with our nine pounders and carry their lines by assault. After three or four hours of incessant firing it was found that no impression whatever had been made, and that our ammunition was almost totally expended, our batteries nearly demolished and our loss in Artillery men so severe that we had no longer the means of pursuing our object.

Here I feel a repugnance in giving an opinion upon a branch of my profession in which the Officers are alike distinguished for their talents and courage, and the more particularly as in this instance the heads of both departments have acquired so much reputation for their zeal and arrangements in the

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Campaigns of Spain and Portugal, and stood both so high in the opinion of Sir Edward Pakenham. The failure of our batteries upon the enemy's line was a severe and unexpected blow to our hopes of success, and I can only account for it by their being so closely approached to the enemy's entrenchment as to render it necessary that they should be hastily thrown up under cover of the night and under every other disadvantage—by an absolute want of materials to render them proof against the heavy fire of the enemy—by the guns being mounted on ships carriages which render their effect the more uncertain—to the distinctive fire to which the men at the guns were exposed (for almost every shot of the enemy passed through our batteries), and by the effectual resistance the enemy's works offered to our Artillery from their solidity and the heavy bales of cotton with which they were lined and protected and in which our shot was immediately buried.

Sir Edward Pakenham now determined to remain in the same position until the arrival of General Lambert's Brigade, and to devote the interval to such preparations as appeared most likely to promise success as well as to the completion of the road to the fishermen's huts.—For any diversion on the side of Lake Portchatrain, the Navy (as appeared in answer to a letter now in my possession to Sir Alexander Cochran before our first advance) were absolutely without the means. The right bank of the Mississippi therefore seemed the only point left to threaten the enemy at.

The Fusiliers and 43rd Regiment joined the Army on the 6th January, and a canal was immediately opened from the Bridge to the bank of the river to drag through such boats as the Navy would allot for the Service. The 8th was fixed on as the day of attack and the dispositions were in substance as follows:

The boats which had been brought up on the 7th opposite Villarets House were, as soon as it should have become dark, to have been launched upon the river: Colonel Thornton's Corps consisting of the 85th, the 5th W.I. Regiment, 427 Marines, 200 Seamen and 4 guns were to have embarked at nine o'clock at night in the boats and pushed across the river, to endeavour by a rapid movement to get possession of the enemy's Batteries on that Bank and enfilade their Line. The

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main attack was to have been commenced at daylight when the enemy would have been supposed to be in the greatest confusion and ignorance of the strength of the Force which had crossed the river, and would have judged it necessary in all probability to detach to a greater degree than circumstances required and in so doing weaken the Force allotted to the defence of their entrenchments. (The canal was cut under the eyes of the Naval Officers. They were the judges of its depth and breadth, and the workmen stopped when they pronounced it more than equal to their boats. Our ultimate disappointment was due only to the sanguine hopes they gave us that they would be successful in this service in which they were concerned.) Our difficulties, however, proved at this moment greater than we had any reasons to expect and instead of getting the boats upon the Mississippi at nine o'clock at night, a sufficient number only to carry 500 men were ready by five o'clock in the morning. The principal attack, for reasons which I will hereafter give, it was not considered advisable to defer, and therefore commenced with the day. The obstacles to success I will not scruple to assert, although exceedingly great, were not by any means insurmountable as far as I had an opportunity of judging myself, and from the opinion of those at other points of the line who had the same opportunity. The 44th Regiment, who were to lead the attack, were not so prepared as they ought to have been or so forward with the fascines and ladders. The 4th and 93rd Regiments and the Light Companies of the Fusiliers, 43rd and 93rd Regiments on the left, and 95th and three Companies of the 4th posted upon the wood, did everything that gallantry could effect under the most difficult circumstances, but the business had been badly commenced and the loss was in consequence the more severe. During the confusion I was despatched to encourage our people on the right and to guard against a sortie of the enemy from that point. When driven in with the last of our troops I found that the main body had retired and General Lambert, in requesting I would furnish him with instructions from Sir Edward Pakenham as to the manner in which he would wish him to act, informed me of the General being wounded and carried to the rear. I overtook his body on

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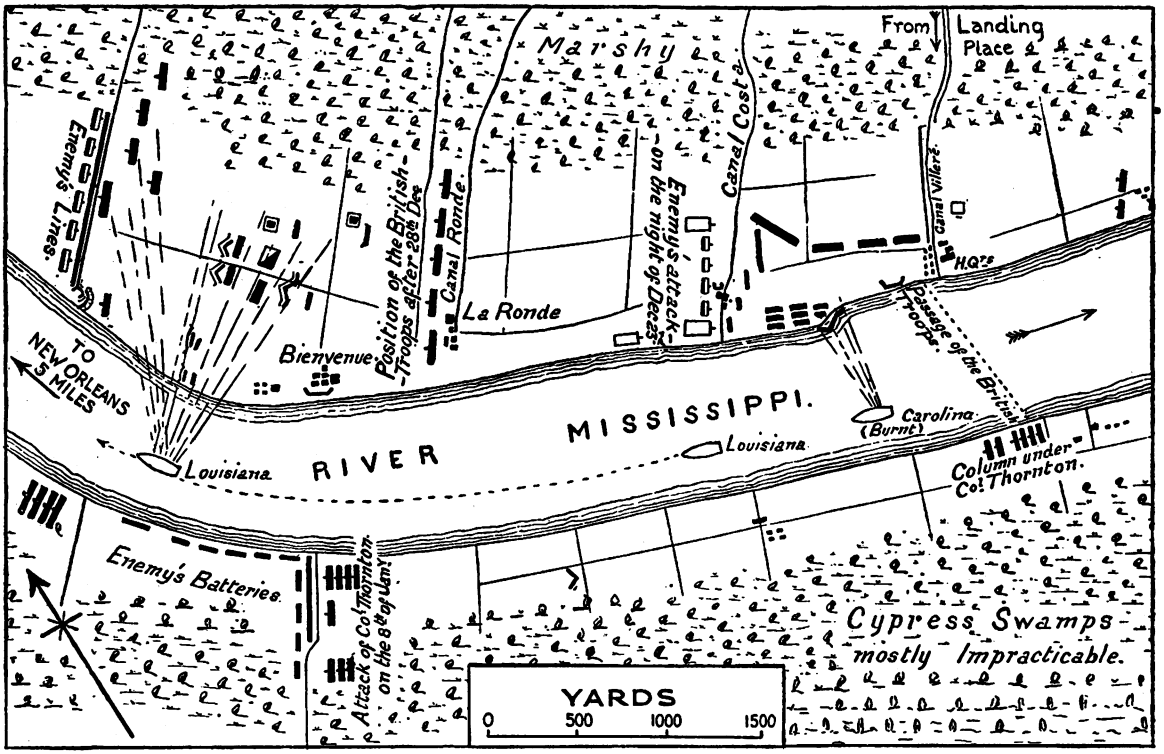

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the road, he had ceased to breathe upon receiving his second wound. The first had penetrated above the knee which it had completely shattered, and as Major MacDougall, one of his Aides-de-Camp, was replacing him on a fresh horse, the fatal ball entered the spine and killed him on the spot. He fell into the arms of Major MacDougall. General Gibbs had also been mortally wounded and General Keane very seriously in making the most gallant exertions. General Lambert's reasons for not making a second attack are contained in his despatch, and he was, I believe, justified in the opinion of everyone under his command. Colonel Thornton's attack was a most brilliant one and his success far beyond our most sanguine hopes, for of the force allotted to him only the 500 mentioned before ever crossed the River, and the fog was so thick when the order was given for their retiring that the enemy was not aware of their having rejoined us till next morning.

I must now beg your Grace's attention to facts which may afford some consolation to his friends and may be gratifying to all those by whom he was beloved and have to lament his loss.

In the first place when Sir Edward Pakenham arrived before New Orleans, the error (if it may hereafter be deemed one) in commencing our operations where we did, had been already committed and we had not the means he afterwards himself provided of retiring. I should then mention that during the time of our being in position before the enemy we had not one opportunity of getting even the most trivial information. The estates were abandoned by all but negroes of the lowest and most ignorant description, and in no instance did an inhabitant ever come over to us.

Some persons have, I am led to believe, hinted that if the attack had been delayed it might have turned out more to our advantage; but to this I must reply that under existing circumstances no delay could possibly have been admitted, for it was not until five o'clock on the morning of the 8th, as I have mentioned before, that General Pakenham was apprised that only 500 men of the force allotted to the service on the right bank of the river had actually embarked, and that there existed at that moment no means of crossing over

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the remainder until the return of the boats from the opposite side. I have only to refer to the instructions issued on the night before, which directed the troops to be formed up close under the enemy's Battery and Line at a certain hour of the morning, so as to be able to rush on to the attack at the first appearance of day. As the columns had taken up their ground and were supposed to be already prepared, there was not sufficient time left to make any change of arrangements, and it was decidedly not a moment for withdrawing them when the enemy had sufficient light to discern the movement and the power to cause them almost as great a loss from his Batteries as that which they actually sustained in attacking. Again to have deferred the main attack would have been in all probability to have defeated every hope we could possibly entertain of success. Our Flotilla upon the River was very insignificant when compared with what the enemy had it in his power to oppose to it; and the loss of the Flotilla in open day would have most probably been attended with the sacrifice of those whom it had landed on the other side, and the boats would have been in themselves the severest loss it was possible for us to sustain. Besides the Americans had amply the means of detaching to the right bank without weakening their line to any perceptible degree; and would, when they had discovered Colonel Thornton's force, have seen into our whole plan and have easily counteracted it. There was at the time of the attack only six days' rations in store and as there did not remain much more than the same quantity in the Fleet, and our only expectation of immediate supply was *from England*, delay of any kind would have been attended with the most serious inconveniences and seemed to threaten our very existence as an Army, even after we should have succeeded in re-embarking after a failure. It has been urged that Sir Edward Pakenham's existence was of too much consequence to his Army to be incautiously risked. To this I agree, but is it to be inferred from such an assertion that he exposed himself when he should not have done so? Deeply as I deplore his lot and revere his memory, I owe it to his character as an Officer and to his principles as a man to assert he was called upon to make the sacrifice he did, and that he did not throw away

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a life upon which at the moment the safety of some thousands of his fellow creatures depended. I have myself on more than one occasion ventured to remonstrate with Sir Edward Pakenham upon the too great exposure of his person, and endeavoured to prevail upon him when he has been wounded, ill or fatigued by exertions which his health rendered him unequal to, to leave the Field; but his answer has invariably been such as to satisfy me as to the necessity for his remaining, or to convince me of the excellence of the motive which induced him to resist my entreaties.

In the late melancholy business it ought to be considered that in addition to all the anxiety that a person in his situation would be expected to feel, General Gibbs (his second in command before the arrival of General Lambert) and who possessed his entire confidence and friendship, had been mortally wounded in endeavouring to restore order. That General Keane, whom he had succeeded in command of the Army, had been wounded and carried off the Field; that with the loss of their leaders the confidence of the troops was evidently shaken. That the negligence of Colonel Mullins, the Officer commanding the 44th Regiment, to whom the advance was given, and his disobedience of his most pointed instructions in not providing himself with the Fascines and scaling ladders, had been communicated to Sir Edward Pakenham at the very moment only of the attack—That from this circumstance, and the manner in which the assault was commenced, he became sensible that only the greatest exertions on the part of the General and superior Officers would remedy faults committed so early or afford any chance of success, and that his presence alone upon the glacis of the enemy's works could reanimate the soldiers and restore order.

These considerations I feel satisfied not only justify him in the opinion of the most rigid censors in his profession, but will render his memory more dear to every honest and generous soldier, and especially to those who have ever seen him foremost in the Field in your Grace's campaigns.

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CORRESPONDENCE

In connection with the late Major William Smith, 45th Regiment

(Secret) Instructions to Captain Smith, 45th Regt., proceeding to the frontier.

Headquarters,
Lisbon,
February 16th, 1809.

1st. You will be pleased to proceed to Elvas, taking post horses or mules for which you will pay the usual rate. You will there wait on the Portuguese commandant and acquaint him with your mission.

2nd. Your object will be to obtain every possible information of the position, force and intention of the enemy in that neighbourhood; and you are at liberty, if you think it advisable, to proceed towards Madrid in quest of intelligence.

3rd. Whatever intelligence you gain you will transmit by post, or by courrier in any extraordinary case, but the despatching of courriers is to be avoided unless circumstances absolutely require it. In the first instance you will transmit it by Lieut. Balch, D.A.Q.M.G., who will accompany you to Elvas.

4th. On arrival on the frontier you will make enquiry after Lieut.-col. D'Urban, A.Q.M.G., and direct him notwithstanding any former orders, to repair to Lisbon without delay.

5th. You are on no account to attach yourself to or receive orders from any officer on the frontier, but you are to confine your views solely to the gaining of intelligence, which you are to transmit from time to time to the military secretary, headquarters, Lisbon, with a duplicate to me if you have

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time to make one. You will of course give what information you can to any Spanish or Portuguese General officers you may fall in with relative to the enemy.

6th. You will avoid all political conversations or discussions,—much mischief has been done by an indiscreet introduction and handling of these matters, but if anything is said of the re-embarkation of the English army at Corunna you may simply say that it was done with little loss, and with a view to carry the war into the south of Spain, where things wear a more favourable aspect.

7th. You will be allowed 3 dollars a day, (as well as Lieut. Balch), for your extra expenses, and the actual amount of your posting, certified on honour.

8th. You will take care not to allow the enemy to cut off your communications with headquarters, but if you find he is advancing in force, either in front or on your flanks, you will retire in time, having first gained every possible information as to his numbers and objects.

9th. You will take care to give your address from time to time, that you may be recalled, or that fresh instructions may be sent to you in case of need.

10th. In case of emergency you will always find a safe retreat on Cadiz through Seville.

R. N. Donkin, Col., D.A.Qr.Mr.Gl.

Headquarters,
Lisbon,
April 1st, 1809.

Instructions to Captn. Smith of the 45th Regt., proceeding to the frontier for intelligence.

1st. Captain Smith will take the road to Alcantara by Santarem and Abrantes.

2nd. On arriving at Alcantara the further progress of Captain Smith is to be determined by circumstances, but it is not desirable that he should advance into Spain (unless some very obvious advantage is to result therefrom) as his sole object is to give intelligence of the several corps of the enemy's troops which now menace the frontier.

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3rd. Captn. Brotherston of the 14th Lt. Dragoons has proceeded to Almeida, and Captn. Jones of the 7th Regt., and Lieut. Munroe of the 42nd Regt. have proceeded by Badajos towards General Cuesta's headquarters. It is not absolutely necessary that Captn. Smith should communicate with any of these officers, but if he hear of either of them and can conveniently do so, it may be advantageous for them to see each other.

4th. Captn. Smith will of course use his utmost endeavour to obtain correct information as to the number and object of any corps of the enemy he may meet with, and will remain near Alcantara as long as he may judge it expedient to do so for the above purpose.

5th. Captn. Smith will avail himself of the common post for the forwarding of ordinary intelligence, but nothing very material is to be sent by it as it is very insecure,—matters of importance to be transmitted by courrier, and as soon as Captn. S. has ascertained that the enemy's column has actually entered Portugal with a view really to penetrate, he will immediately return to headquarters and make his report.

6th. Captn. Smith will address his correspondence to Col. Donkin, and send it under cover to the commander of the forces.

7th. Captn. Smith will receive the same allowances as on his last tour.

Signed,—R. DONKIN, D.Qr.Mr.Gl.

MAJOR SMITH, 45th Regt.

ABRANTES,

15th May, 1809.

MY DEAR SIR,

I wish you could come over here as soon as possible, and so prepared that you could set off immediately towards the frontier of Spain. I am so hurried I have not time to write to Col. Guard, but tell him the enemy are in force at Alcantara, it is said about 12,000 men. Always most sincerely yours, R. Mackenzie.

CAPTN. SMITH, 45th Regt.

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SOBREIRA FORMOZA,
21st May, 1809.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have just received intelligence that the enemy are retiring by Brosas from Alcantara. I can scarcely credit it, but there are many confirmations. I beg the favour of you to set off as soon as you conveniently can to watch their motions. If they thréaten the Alentejo, I beg you to give immediate information to General Fane at Abrantes, and if they should be advancing again towards Cuesta, he desires that we should give him every notice in our power, and I therefore request you will communicate to Cuesta whatever may be interesting for him to know. In great haste, my dear Sir, Yours most faithfully, R. Mackenzie.

CAPTN. SMITH, 45th Regt.

VIZEU,
February 11th, 1810.

MY DEAR SIR,

Having accidentally mentioned to Major Campbell your wishes to assist Lt.-col. Nicolls of the 14th foot, he suggested to me the possibility of an exchange taking place between that officer and Col. Shaw of the 76th, which regiment has just returned from India, it being the supposed intention of Col. Shaw to retire from the service. As these officers are very intimate perhaps the matter could be brought about, and certainly could be easily ascertained, but as I have not the honour of being known either to your friend or Col. Shaw, I am afraid you will see the propriety of my requesting my name may not be mentioned in any explanation, for though my intention of troubling you on this subject can admit of one construction, it notwithstanding might be received otherwise by both parties, and perhaps might not exactly accord with the dignified reserve recommended to those in staff situations. Adieu, my dear Major, believe me much yours with respect, E. M. Pakenham.

MAJOR SMITH, 45th Regt.

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(*Confidential.*)

PINHEL,
10*th July*, 1810.

DEAR SIR,

In answer to yours of this date,—the Countersign to be given to the sentries in advance upon the bridge over the Coa, and to those upon the Coa also—and not to any others unless you should deem it essentially necessary. The parole to be given only to officers commanding guards and picquets. Should it be absolutely necessary to change the countersign, it must be to the parole, and notice instantly given to all concerned. The parole thus having become the countersign, a new parole will be given. Persons with provisions coming from the right bank of the river to Pinhel, are to be allowed to pass, but if any suspicion should attach to any of those of course discretionary power must be exercised. Col. Mackinnon's object is not to impede unnecessarily the forwarding supplies to our troops.

I remain Dear Sir,
Your obedient humble Servant,
WILLIAM WILDE, B.M.

N.B.—The sentries of the 60th Regt. beyond the bridge will receive the countersign from their own officer. May I request you to have the goodness to send the letters which accompany this one to Col. Meade, and the other to Major Murphy, 88th Regt. in the huts. On Service. Major Smith, 45th Regt. commg. a detachment hutted near the Coa. etc. . . . etc. . . . etc.

FORT CONCEPTION,
July 11*th*, 1810.

MY DEAR MAJOR,

I am about to remind you of the favour you offered me of procuring some wine for myself and Col. Barclay. If it is in your power to do so you will render us an essential benefit, and it will be the more welcome to the Colonel if accompanied by a small cask of rum or brandy. We are all plunged into the deepest distress by the unfortunate and ill-managed affair which took place this morning. Our General endeavoured to cut off a French patrol of cavalry and infantry. The cavalry are secured, but the infantry have got off after

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killing poor Col. Talbot of the 14th Dragoons, together with one quartermaster and 11 dragoons. 9 are wounded, the Hussars have also suffered severely and the 16th a little. The story is too long to enter into as I hardly expect to save the post, but you may be assured if there existed a doubt in any one's mind before there is none remaining as to our great good fortune in being so commanded. Two officers and 29 dragoons are all we have to show, for one Lt. Col. and I fear at least 40 men lost to the service, if not entirely surely for this campaign, 2 of my guns and six companies of the 95th could have been called in when the General ordered 3 squadrons to charge the French infantry (not more than 100), closely formed, hardly a man of them was hurt, and our loss has been stated. No blame attaches to the cavalry, for after making their charge, they were led to attack one of our own squadrons supposing it the enemy, no one but the General I understand knew of friends in that direction. We learn from the prisoners that Rodrigo surrendered yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. We shall soon be enquired for by our neighbour Massena, who entered the place himself.

Believe me,
very truly yours,
H. D. Ross.

To Major Smith, 45th Regt., Pinhel.

VELLELLA,
8th Septr. 1810.

MY DEAR COLONEL,

As I am the junior Field Officer of the 2 battalions and voluntarily serving with the 1st, with which Lt.col. Meade and Major Gwyn are present, and as apparently I might be spared from it without inconvenience, and being actuated by a strong desire to be somewhat more actively employed in the existing contest, I am induced with all due submission to humbly solicit you to express my wish to his Excellency the Commander of the Forces, and assure his Lordship that I shall ever feel grateful should it meet with his approbation to attach me to any British corps that may be defficient in officers; or should his Lordship deem me equal to the command of a Portuguese battalion, and my promotion in the

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British service be not thereby injured or retarded, I would heartily and willingly undertake that charge during the junction of the British and Portuguese forces on the continent, or while my duty with the 45th can be dispensed with. My dear Colonel, the several marks of attention you have honoured me with have caused this presumption in offering to make you the channel to express my desire to Lord Wellington, and I fain hope should I have in this instance overstept in the slightest degree the line of decorum, that you will impute the rashness to arise from no ill intent, but an earnest desire to make myself useful and seize every opportunity to acquire military knowledge and experience, which I sincerely avow has always been my highest ambition. W. Smith, Major, 45th Rt.

COL. THE HONBLE. E. PAKENHAM,
D.Adjt.-General, etc., etc.

GOURICA,
Septr. 11*th*, 1810.

MY DEAR MAJOR,

I yesterday on receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. took occasion to shew it to my Lord Wellington. His Lordship approves of your zeal, and as the best means of putting it to the advantage of the service, proposes to mention your name to Marshal Beresford as an eligible officer to appoint in charge of one of the Portuguese regiments of the line. There is one part however of your proposal on which his Lordship has desired me to observe, namely, should you enter the Portuguese service, it must not be limited, or your continuance with the Portuguese regulated by any lateral circumstances; you must be prepared to continue in that service whilst it shall appear that your exertion tends to its advantage. In course by this proof of your anxiety to be actively employed, there could not be any apprehension of your losing promotion in the British service, but I am not authorized to add anything further in explanation. Let me have a few lines by the return of the post, and

Believe me,
most sincerely yours,
E. M. PAKENHAM.

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VELLELLA,
14th Septr. 1810.

MY DEAR COLONEL,

I was honoured with your letter of the 11th inst. last night, and in reply have to solicit you to offer my most sincere thanks to his Excellency the commander of the forces for the estimation his Lordship hath been pleased to express and readiness to recommend me to the notice of Marshal Beresford. As his Excellency judges my service more eligible with the Portuguese than in any other corps, I willingly yield to his Lordship's pleasure in all conditions granted British officers serving under similar protection, provided my promotion in the 45th or British service runs no risk of being retarded,—but should there exist the least chance of not succeeding to promotion the same as if present with my regiment I fain hope I shall not incur my Lord Wellington's displeasure by declining to accept being attached to the Portuguese under that condition. That I have no interest to bring up any step of rank that might be lost, urges this precaution, and should that misfortune occur the ultimatum of my expectations for these sixteen years would be entirely frustrated. I obtained my first and present commissions in the 45th regiment by purchase, and would be exceedingly happy to have an opportunity to succeed to a Lt.-colonelcy by the same means. From these circumstances you may easily conceive how much I should be mortified by being put on half pay or losing the least chance of promotion in H.M. Service. My dear Colonel, should what I have said above appear in any way incompatible, I hope your goodness will excuse the trouble I have given and take no further notice of it, and explain my intention so as not to excite the displeasure of my Lord Wellington.

Accept of the best wishes of
yours most faithfully,
W. SMITH.

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XIII

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF A SETTLER IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA

By H. F. W.

THE 17th August, 1928, saw the beginning of a new start for me. At the age of fifty-two I had taken it into my head to undertake farming in the colony of Southern Rhodesia, assisted by my partner, Mr. Arnold B. Parker, whose knowledge of farming and the country generally would be of the greatest assistance. There we were at 11 a.m. on Waterloo Station saying good-bye to relations and kind friends who had come to see the last of us. I could not help thinking of Disraeli's remark, which was quoted to me by one of my uncles: "I have tried many things and sometimes succeeded at last." I hope that this may be one of the few successful things which I have done. At last we were off and duly arrived at Southampton where we went on board our ship, the *Kenilworth Castle*. She proved to be very empty, and we soon sorted ourselves out: half the first-class passengers were for Madeira; with one or two exceptions there was no one of great interest, and the voyage may be passed over with the remark that it was more or less calm, that I never won the Sweep on the ship's run, and that I eat and slept too much!

On Monday, 3rd September, we arrived at Cape Town at 7 a.m., and after getting our baggage cleared went up to the Mount Nelson Hotel, always memorable for the somewhat riotous behaviour of certain officers during the South African War. There we lunched with a Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, the latter having travelled out with us. In the afternoon we were taken for a motor drive round Green Point and then to the station, where we caught our train for Salisbury. We

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were greatly indebted to Customs and Railway Officials for the help they gave us in passing our baggage through Customs, and having the heavy part of it registered through to Salisbury; all worry was taken off our shoulders. Apparently all settlers are helped in this manner.

Then began a somewhat irksome five days' journey. On the 4th in the early afternoon we ran through De Aar, so important in the South African War; Orange River, where I had spent some weeks with the 22nd Mounted Infantry in 1901; Modder River and Maagersfontein, where a cemetery in the first place and a monument in the other remind us older ones of the Black Week in 1899. Time had not changed these places. Even the stone blockhouses were standing. Late that evening we stopped at Kimberley, a refilling point for the Column to which I was attached in 1901–02. Next morning we ran into Mafeking, and then followed an uninteresting day crossing the Kalahari Desert. We were not at all sorry when we arrived on the morning of the 6th at Bulawayo and were able to obtain a bath (at a price) and change of clothes. At midday we steamed out for Salisbury. The sleepers and restaurant car on the Union Railway had been excellent, but the same could not be said of the service on the Rhodesian Railway, the language and behaviour of the stewards leaving much to be desired. However, it was not for long, and we arrived at Salisbury by 7.30 a.m. on the 7th. Here we speedily got to Meikles Hotel for bath and breakfast, after which, as we were travelling out under Government auspices, we reported ourselves at the Department of Lands and showed our credentials. We then went back, got our heavy baggage out of the Customs and went on to the Standard Bank, where we showed our letters of credit, arranged our business, and made the acquaintance of Mr. Gibbings, to whom I had a letter of introduction. Then we paid a visit to the Ministry of Agriculture, where we met a very kind friend in Mr. Mundy, who gave us many useful hints and invited us to lunch on the following Sunday. He further introduced us to the Club. The Land Department meanwhile had arranged that we should start off on Monday under the care of an Inspector of Lands to see various farms, with a view to obtaining hints and finding something suitable for

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ourselves. On the Saturday we attended the local Race Meeting, which amused us, but did not excite us to the point of gambling; neither the horses nor the jockeys need comment. The following day I attended service at the Cathedral and made the acquaintance of Bishop Paget; the congregation mainly consisted of boys and girls from the various schools.

At 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 10th September, Mr. Michell, of the Lands Department, called for us in his motor car and took us off to the Hartley District, there to meet several farmers and look at some likely land. Before going further I should explain the meaning of the word Government Farm. Don't imagine that for a very small premium paid half-yearly, Government is going to bestow on you a cultivated farm, with house included, cows itching to be milked and hens that never miss laying; not a bit. The Government has divided up certain localities into plots of about fifteen hundred acres; on the majority there is water, either in the shape of a river or well. The ground usually is of good soil, but covered with bush, which has to be stumped and cleared before ploughing, even then it has to be left for twelve months before sowing. A farmer, moreover, has got to build a hut of sorts to carry on with: therefore it will be seen that it is a long job before any return for the outlay can be received. My partner and I agreed that we would most certainly, if the opportunity offered, take a farm which had been returned to the Government, after having been to some extent cultivated, as at any rate one gets the chance of some return for one's money in a few months.

To proceed. We motored into the Gadzema District, and I cannot say that I was much impressed by the first farmer I saw. He had been out about a year. He was full of grievance, very little of his farm was cultivated or cleared, in fact he had no heart in his job. The next man, who had been known to me in Egypt, in spite of reverses (he, like others, had been hit by the slump in the tobacco market), was working hard on his land, crushing mealies for himself and others, also opening a store; in fact, he was turning his hand to anything which might bring grist to the mill. We stayed with him the night, and have to thank both him and his wife for much kindness.

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Next morning we went on our way and saw other farms in various stages of cultivation. One ex-officer was building a brick house, and his farm showed careful work, in which, I should think, he was greatly helped by his wife.

That night we motored back to Hartley, where we stayed at a most unpleasing hotel. On the 12th we started off early and had breakfast at Gatooma, and saw two more farmers, who were working hard in spite of the bad time they had suffered. One was a man I had met in Southern Nigeria; he had built himself a very nice house overlooking a river, but to my unaccustomed eye, his land did not appear quite so good as that of some of the others. From there we motored back to Salisbury, passing on our way a troop of about 100 baboons, who were shifting quarters; two or three were very big chaps. They are a great nuisance where mealies are planted, as they will destroy a crop in no time. We arrived in Salisbury about 8 p.m., after covering about three hundred miles in the three days, days full of interest to us newcomers, and very hearty thanks are due to our guide and friend, Mr. Michell, for his kindness and assistance. That we did not fall in love with the well-wooded piece of land he showed us was not his fault.

Now what were my impressions of the trip?

With one exception, all the farmers we had seen were triers: two were men of about my age, who had settled with a view to giving their sons a start; and I take my hat off to one gentleman who was living under a bucksail, working with three or four natives to get a hut made for himself and his son, and then carry on with the clearing of a rather heavily wooded farm. He had had a good post in England, and had taken his share in the Great War.

The question arose in my mind as to why everyone was hard up? and it appeared that the tobacco slump was mainly answerable for it all. There were two good years when men coined a rich harvest, after which they were invited by a too confident Government to grow more; there followed a good year for growing, but the market was flooded. Not a leaf was sold, and the farmers had no return for their money. Tobacco is not a cheap crop to grow, cure, grade and pack, it needs constant attention and care, and all requires labour.

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Therefore the farmer with a limited capital found himself in difficulties. Now, the settler is essential to this country, without him the country cannot go on, therefore it would seem that he must of necessity be kept. What a chance for Government to step in and say, "We will take over your crop at a valuation, and try to sell it ourselves later." It would have meant money certainly, but there are such things as Loans, which as a rule are very quickly snapped up, and then what a feeling of security the settler would have had in the Government. The other alternative was to allow loans on the security of the farm, through the Land Bank, which would only land the settler deeper in the mire if there was another year of ill luck.

I gathered that the majority of settlers that I saw had very little more than a capital of about £2,000, and I very humbly submit that this amount is not enough. The settler may have to provide for children at school, maintenance for himself and his wife, wages for his labour, stock, a good span of oxen is essential, ox wagon, implements, a plough, cultivator, hoes, picks, shovels, and a hundred and one things which all cost money. If he went in for tobacco, more labour is needed than for mealie growing; brick barns are required for drying tobacco and building is not cheap; household furniture is also necessary. We have found that our outlay in taking over a semi-cultivated farm from Government, and giving the outgoing tenant a valuation price for house, barns, stock, implements and furniture cost us nearly £1,300, therefore, on the assumption that we had a capital of £2,000, we should want to gamble on a good year to keep the wolf from the door. Many people are saying, give tobacco one more chance, it will come right this year, 1929. I trust for their sake that it does.

The next morning, 13th September, we went to the Land Department and asked to be taken out, if possible, to see a farm in the Banket District, where the tenant was retiring from an unequal contest and returning his farm to Government. On the 15th we were motored out by Mr. Scott, another Inspector of Lands, and the late tenant of the farm, to Chikomo Chimunga, i.e., "The Garden of the Chief," about eighty miles from Salisbury and twelve miles from Banket

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Station. The farm consisted of about two thousand acres, of which about one hundred acres had been cultivated or cleared for cultivation. The soil on the whole seemed good, and there appeared to be about fifteen hundred acres, in all, fit for cultivation, the rest consisted of rocky "kopjes," or "vlei" land. A good river ran about a mile from the farm, while there was a "spruit" close to the road, about the same distance from which water could be drawn and brought up. The tobacco barns were good, while the homestead consisted of a big brick living-room and four circular mud huts, all in fair repair, but filthily dirty. The stock consisted of a good span of oxen and some miscellaneous cattle, a sow, five donkeys (most useless brutes), and a few chickens. We went pretty carefully over the farm, and in our minds decided to take it, believing that with any luck we had the chance of seeing some return for our outlay within about six months, and our friend, Mr. Scott, said it was a good farm and would be a very fair investment.

We went back to Salisbury on the Sunday afternoon to do a deal. There I met the son of an old friend of my Lewes days, who had been working with a man who had gone in largely for tobacco and had failed. He had been obliged to turn the boy off, and *he* had been lucky to get a job with another settler for his keep, until such time as he could find something better. I believe there were quite a number in a like case. During the next two days we met several gentlemen in the Club, who were very kind to us; and we had the advantage of going over the Tobacco Company premises under the wing of Mr. Reid Rowland, who explained the various processes of grading, drying, pressing and packing, which were all new to us and most interesting.

Again the question arose, Why should not Government give the settler a fixed price for his tobacco in the leaf, and then be responsible for the various stages through which it has to go before it is sold to the merchant in America or England? It would be costly, admittedly, but it would pay in the long run. The Government would have the opportunity of securing the best and most expert labour; there would be less wastage and probably better grading and packing, therefore better price in the end. It isn't possible for

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a farmer coming out here, with only the experience of a year or two, to send in a tobacco crop properly dried, graded and packed; it has all got to be done again at the warehouse, causing endless trouble. At the moment we don't intend to go in for tobacco, so it does not affect us.

September 18th we concluded our deal with the outgoing tenant of the Banket Farm, and were allowed to take over the farm from Government. We took over all buildings, stock, implements, machinery, and certain furniture. That afternoon and next day we were busy collecting stores and furniture. The plough and cultivator we required were sent up to Banket by train, while the remainder, with our personal kit, was to come up with us by lorry the following Saturday, 22nd September. There was so much that it required two journeys to get the whole lot to the farm, a somewhat expensive business, but it was not safe to trust to the railway on account of delay, and expense had to be put up with.

On the 19th there was great excitement in Salisbury over the General Elections which were taking place. The Government after five years' service retire automatically, but are eligible for re-election (as they say). I knew precious little about Rhodesian politics, but certainly thought we should have heard something about the tobacco trouble and how they meant to meet it if they were returned; a pretty safe battle cry, one would have thought, when a large number of voters were suffering rather heavily; almost as arresting as Mr. Gladstone's "Three Acres and a Cow" or Mr. Lloyd George's "Chinese Labour." Quite a different line was taken, however, and the tobacco question left severely alone. Questions were asked and answers given about the use or abuse of party funds, and the ownership of the Rhodesian Railway (whose Baby are you ?). The late Government was returned with a very large majority, only an opposition of five in the thirty-one seats. May they govern well and truly, giving full time and thought to the problems of the moment, particularly tobacco!

On the 22nd September, having said our various farewells and paid our bills, we set out for our new farm, arriving about 5 p.m. We settled ourselves as best we could, being helped by a few stray servants. Next day the late tenant arrived

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to pack up his belongings, and finished the following day, going off with all his kit, including some bestial white rats and a degenerate monkey. He did indeed leave a piano, which he said he would send for; it weighs half a ton, and at present is adorning the front drive. After his departure we began to cast round for servants and labour. We luckily had a cook and a house boy left us, and fortunately found an ox driver, so that we could start ploughing at once; but as I write this, practically no labour has come along; it may be plentiful in some parts, but it isn't here at present, and there is no end of work to be done. New roofs for the mud huts, ditches to be dug to run off the rainwater, stumping and clearing fresh land. We could do with fifty boys. We also want another span of oxen, so as to be able to keep up continuous work, and give one span a chance of a rest, at this, the worst time of the year, when all grazing is dried up.

From my short experience to anyone intending to come out, I say:

Take a farm which has been started.

Have a capital of £3,000, not less.

Put in some time on the farm of a man who knows the ropes.

Learn the language, without it you are had by every native who comes along.

Be strict with your labour, but just.

There is just one more thing which is very noticeable, and that is the apparent ignorance of the Rhodesian of Great Britain, his mother country. Salisbury and Bulawayo alone are within his ken, very few of the younger men have visited Great Britain, and their knowledge of its history is very fragmentary. I was at a cinema one night and a picture came on the film of ex-soldiers marching past the Cenotaph; it was a picture which would have thrilled an audience in England, but here it left them cold. To keep an Empire or to keep a battalion needs sympathy between governors and governed, officers and men, while to lose it means dissolution and disaster. If lads could be sent from this Colony to see the things in England on which we pride ourselves, how much such a visit would cement the union between Colony and Mother Country, and promote mutual interest and strengthen the links.

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XIV

ARMY SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT IN THE OLD INDIAN WARS

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NO single point of military research presents greater difficulties to the student of Indian warfare of the latter part of the eighteenth and early half of the nineteenth centuries, than does that dealing with the methods adopted and system followed for the supply of our armies in the field. In the very early days of British rule in India, such military forces as were maintained were purely garrison troops, set down in posts upon the seaboard or upon such very brief lines of communication as were required, and to only a very limited extent were these regarded or employed as offensive troops. Under such circumstances it was perhaps only to be expected that, on the rare occasions when unusual conditions obliged local commanders to take the field, they moved out accompanied by all the native followers whom they had gathered round them during the years of passive occupation, and attempted to carry with them such supplies as were needed for their comparatively short marches by hiring bullocks and drivers through the agency of contractors; while in those days such cereals as formed the staple food of the Indian soldiery appear to have been easily purchasable in the country traversed.

These methods seem to have answered well enough for minor operations, conducted at very short distances from the sea base; and it was probably not until the Mysore wars that it began to be realized that the old system—which actually was no system at all—could lead to no abiding

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strategic results in wider operations carried out in a country which for long past had been so systematically ravaged, that all supplies for an army operating in Southern India had to be brought by sea to Madras from other parts of the Peninsula, as had also the baggage animals employed for their transport.

While, however, the difficulties of supply and transport had thus enormously increased, no real attempt seems to have been made seriously to grapple with the question of the native followers. By this time the armies of the East India Company operating in Mysore contained a larger proportion of British troops than ever they did before, and since it had always been understood that no army could take and keep the field in India unless accompanied by a wholly disproportionate number of servitors, known as native followers—even when such an army was wholly composed of Indian soldiers—it appears to have been a matter of general and natural acceptance that English troops required an even larger retinue to keep them in health when on the march or when in camp. It was thus almost inevitable that in the Second Mysore War, and in those which followed it, the horde of followers, who had to be protected and fed, was quite out of proportion to the number of fighting men the army contained; for instance, in March, 1781, a British force operating about Cuddalore contained 6,000 native soldiers, while the followers amounted to 15,000. In August of the same year, Sir Eyre Coote had under his immediate command 2,000 Europeans and 10,000 sepoys, but the followers totalled 31,000 in number, which early in the following year had risen to 40,000.

Probably in those days only the very severest and most drastic prohibitory measures could have had any effect in reducing the number of followers considered absolutely necessary for the maintenance of an army in the field, especially when that army contained a by no means negligible proportion of white soldiers—men and officers; and some idea may be gathered of the very great latitude permitted in the provision of private followers, by stating that in August, 1782, when the difficulties of supply could only barely, and at great sacrifice of mobility, be in some measure overcome, the

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number of private followers for whom rice was allowed to be drawn from the public stores was fixed as under:

Major-General Stuart, or Second-in-Command	50
Colonel Lang, or officers of that rank . .	40
Field Officers, each	40
Captains, each	20
Subaltern, each	12
To every 100 European soldiers . . .	14
To every 100 Native soldiers . . .	10

This somewhat excessive regard for the needs of the individual soldier seems to have existed for very many years longer, for more than sixty years later we find General Sir Charles Napier laying down in a memorandum he drew up on "The Baggage of the Indian Army," that "The Europeans in an Indian army require more baggage than any other part of that army, and that as the climate renders a great deal of baggage necessary, care must be taken that, in the zeal to reduce the quantity of this great impediment to war, we do not over-reduce and create suffering. The line which divides *necessaries* from *luxuries* must be drawn with much care, for in India necessaries and luxuries are near akin, especially among the Europeans."

For twenty years after Coote's day the system of army supply and transport remained unchanged; agents or contractors were still employed to collect and produce, when and where required, the rice and bullocks needed for the maintenance of an Indian army in the field; and Major Thorn of the 25th Light Dragoons, gives us in his *Memoirs of the War in India*, an account of all that appertained to an army operating under Generals Lake and Wellesley in the Second Mahratta War—of the extraordinary elements which contributed to swell its numbers.

"It is obvious," he writes, "that in a country where no regular supplies can be depended on, all necessaries must be provided beforehand, or obtained from a train of followers whose desire of gain attaches them to the Service. Hence the line of march increases these appendages to an army, particularly when an enemy like the one to whom we were

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opposed, spreads devastation in every direction for the purpose of cutting off the means of subsistence.

"The camp followers in such a case become exceedingly numerous, and may be fairly estimated at ten persons to every fighting man; so that where the force consists of 10,000 soldiers, there will be about 100,000 non-combatants, consisting of the following descriptions; first an attendant to every elephant, of which valuable animals there are several hundreds, for carrying the public camp equipage, besides some thousands of camels, to every three of whom there is at least one attendant, with a proportionate number of tent lascars who, as their appellation imparts, are employed in pitching and striking the tents. . . . Every horse, whether of the cavalry or not, has in addition to the rider, for the most part two attendants, one who cleans and takes care of the animal, and the other who gathers forage. . . . Besides an immense number of draught bullocks for the use of the artillery park and heavy ordnance carts, to every three of which there is at least one driver, large droves of Brinjarree bullocks, from 80,000 to 100,000, are employed in carrying grain. . . .

"The army is further numerically increased by the servants which every officer is under the necessity of employing to take charge of his live and dead stock, for though the private European soldier receives, besides his regular allowance of arrack, rations of meat from the Government contractors who drive large flocks of sheep for that purpose, the officers must provide their own poultry, sheep and particularly goats to supply them with milk for their tea. . . . The attendants, therefore, which these services render expedient may be estimated at 10 to a subaltern, 20 to a Captain, 30 to a field-officer, and so on in proportion. Such are the immediate adjuncts of a marching force in the East; but this is not all, for besides the women who follow the fortunes of the officers and private soldiers, there is a mixed multitude termed the bazaar people consisting of merchants and pedlars."

An Indian army of those days must indeed have been an extraordinarily cumbersome machine, but Major Thorn seems to offer something of an excuse for the recognized presence of these vast hordes of hangers-on, by stating that they were

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specially skilled in detecting the presence of concealed or buried grain, and were very useful in bringing these unofficial supplies into the camp market.

It was not until the end of the year 1809 that any serious attempt seems to have been made to establish a Commissariat Department as a branch of military organization in India, described in a general order as "a system of victualling the European troops and for the provision and maintenance of Army cattle by agency instead of contract." Herein, however, the Military Department appears to have made the mistake of attempting too much, with the result that the new organization was burdened with many matters, some of which at least seem to be rather outside the scope of the department; and it is hardly to be wondered at if the general result was to leave things very much as they were before.

The following are some of the matters which the new Commissariat Department was to embrace:

1. The victualling of European troops and the provision of rum for store.
2. The provision and feeding of elephants, camels and bullocks.
3. The provision of horses for cavalry and horse artillery.
4. The supply of grain for the above.
5. The provision of boats for the transport of troops and stores.
6. The provision of petty stores for magazines at different stations.
7. The supply of draught or carriage bullocks, hackeries or carts when required.
8. The supply of quilts for European troops.
9. The charge of public ferry boats at military stations above Allahabad.
10. The supply of Bunjarrah bullocks and grain for troops or for store.
11. The provision of galloper harness and saddlery.
12. The supply of timbers, planks, and half wrought materials for the Gun Carriage Agency and camp equipage, military stores, etc.

The new department was to be under the control of a Commissary-General with a Deputy Commissary-General and

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several Assistant Commissaries; but, as we learn from Wilson's *History of the Madras Army*, it was in 1816 laid down that the officers of the Commissariat Department were to be required to furnish security as under, the sums being lodged with the Accountant-General before the officer appointed assumed charge of his office:

	Rs.
Commissary-General	50,000
Deputies	30,000
Assistants	20,000
Deputy Assistants	10,000
Sub-Assistants	5,000

The Commissary-General was allowed very considerable latitude in the carrying out of his multifarious duties, for it was laid down that "the manner of making the different supplies is to be left entirely to the discretion of the Commissary-General, who will, of course, avail himself of the means which contract or agency may afford, as to him shall appear advisable."

No attempt seems to have been made, either at this time or for some years to come, to restrict the number of followers which might accompany an army into the field, and every member of which had to be protected on the line of march and fed on arrival in camp; for when in the winter of 1838, it was decided to send a force from India into Afghanistan, the southern portion under Sir John Keane, containing Bengal and Bombay contingents, consisted of no more than 9,500 fighting men, who were accompanied by the enormous number of 38,000 followers, while their supplies were carried by 30,000 camels!

The baggage of this portion of the army was on a colossal scale, considering the difficulties of the country to be invaded and the scantiness of supply therein. No really stringent orders regulating baggage were issued by the Commander of the force, who contented himself with merely cautioning all concerned against the provision of large tents or inflated establishments. This mild caution does not, however, appear to have been regarded, for Sir Henry Havelock, who was serving as A.D.C. to the General Officer Commanding the

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Bengal portion of the Army of the Indus, admits to having himself had eighteen servants, while another officer had as many as forty. The 16th Light Dragoons even took a pack of hounds with them on this campaign!

In the early days of the assembly of the force destined to march into Afghanistan, it had been intimated to the Commissariat Department by Army Headquarters that "failure on the part of the political officers would not be held a valid excuse in the event of a deficiency of supplies for the army being felt in the course of military operations." Supplies, however, of all kinds, and especially of forage, were scarce and came in but slowly; between the Indus and Shikarpore the camels dropped dead by scores, while as the army moved on everything had to be brought up with it, since not one single day's supplies was obtainable between Shikarpore and Kandahar from the country traversed. On arrival at Quetta a portion of the army perforce remained there, the fighting men on half and the followers on quarter rations.

The regulation forage allowance for cavalry horses was five seers (10 lb.) per diem, but on the 9th April General Thackwell, commanding the cavalry, wrote in his diary: "Our short rations of one seer, and sometimes not any corn are fast destroying the cavalry. Fifty horses of the three regiments were cast and shot at Quetta and seventeen horses have died to-day of sheer weakness." Again on the 11th we read: "Seventy horses died yesterday from want of food or mere exhaustion." This is hardly to be wondered at, for the Commissariat supply arrangements had hopelessly broken down, the cavalry horses having at one time been fed for 26 days in succession entirely on green forage with no grain.

The total loss in animals in the whole army in this campaign—the first Afghan War—totalled 32,483, a wastage practically wholly due to the defects and failure of the supply arrangements.

The breakdown, hardly any other word can describe it, of the arrangements for transport and supply in the operations conducted in Afghanistan, prompted General Sir Charles Napier to address a letter to Sir J. Hobhouse, the President of the Board of Control, on the subject of the "Baggage of the Indian Army," in which he advocated the establishment

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of a Baggage Corps, composed almost wholly of camels, the idea being that in a regularly enlisted and maintained corps of this kind there would be a trained supervision, whereby there would be less confusion on the march and better care taken of the animals at all times. The faults of this scheme appear to be that the corps proposed was too small for use in any but quite minor expeditions, that there was no suggestion of possible expansion, while the old evil of the native followers' question remained untouched.

In the short Gwalior campaign, and in the two Sikh wars, the army seems to have been better supplied than ever before, but this remarkable improvement does not appear to be due to any change in or betterment of the general system of supply and transport, but largely, if not indeed solely, to the energy, zeal and extraordinary genius for organization of a native contractor, one Lalla Jotee Pershad, of whose methods something may be learnt from the very detailed account of the criminal proceedings which in after years were taken against him for malversation of accounts and general robbery of the Government.* From a perusal of the proceedings in the local papers of that date and of the files preserved in the India Office, the following curious facts emerge, and these throw a considerable and interesting light on commissariat methods of those days.

At the end of 1848, when the Punjab campaign was about to open and the army was actually assembling at Ferozepore, it appears that up to the 15th October previously no arrangements whatever had been made for the collection and distribution of supplies, and Major Ramsay, the joint Commissary-General of the Army, was then and there empowered to accept contracts for the supply of grain and carriage of all kinds and to exercise control and supervision over commissariat

* The Court of Directors ordered an inquiry to be in the first instance held by a Mr. Denison, a Civil Servant, who was then directed to act as prosecutor; but on its coming to notice that Mr. Denison had borrowed large sums of money from the Lalla, the prosecution was then entrusted to Mr. E. M. Wylly, B.C.S., the father of the writer of this paper. The defendant was represented by a barrister, Mr. John Lang, and was unanimously acquitted of the charges. It is pleasant to record that the Lalla bore no malice, and during the Mutiny was instrumental in succouring several Europeans who were in danger from the mutineers.

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arrangements for the troops in the field; and in this hour of need he sent post haste to Meerut and summoned to his aid one Lalla Jotee Pershad, a Government *Gomashta* or Commissariat Agent, *then drawing a salary of one hundred rupees a month!*

On his arrival Major Ramsay urged, and indeed insisted, upon his at once taking over the contract for the immediate supply of 80,000 bullocks required for the carriage of grain to the North-West Frontier. Lalla Jotee Pershad was, however, unwilling to undertake the commission, and under the circumstances which came to light at his subsequent trial such unwillingness was not unnatural. It seems that he had been employed in a similar capacity in the First Afghan War, the Gwalior and the first Sikh campaign, but his accounts for these had not up to that date been adjusted, and though the sub-contracts made by him with smaller agents had long since been terminated, his claim against the Government in all amounted to no less a sum than £570,000—more than half a million! He had tried for many years to obtain a settlement of his claims, but in vain, and for some little time he refused all Major Ramsay's blandishments and declared he would have no more dealings with the Government.

The Commissariat Department felt, however, assured that it could not do without him, and he was offered a title of honour and immediate settlement, upon which he took the field, and accepted a contract to supply the number of bullocks required, at the rate of Rs. 3 per mensem per bullock as far as Amballa, and Rs. 4 per mensem per bullock beyond that station; and, having made his arrangements and consulted with his various sub-agents, he proceeded himself to Ferozepore, managing everything so admirably that the army was able to march off on the appointed date.

At his trial he called many commissariat officers in his defence, and these, practically without exception, spoke in the very highest terms of his services, of his extraordinary energy and ability as a contractor; while he produced, testimonials from Lord Gough, Sir Dudley Hill* and other

* The Major Dudley St. Leger Hill who was posted to the 95th when that Regiment was first raised.

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well-known men, stating that on several occasions the Lalla had advanced large sums of money from his own private resources for the purchase of food for the British army engaged with the Sikhs, and that "ample supplies, even when in an enemy's country, were always ready and the troops never had to be put on half rations!"

In the South African War of 1899–1902, it was said of a British Commissary-General that he was "the best Commissariat officer since Moses"; but it may be questioned whether Lalla Jotee Pershad had not earned this eulogium more than half a century earlier, by overcoming infinitely greater difficulties.

Even in our late Indian Wars the question of transport and supply has been a burning one, and difficulties have had to be fought against, such as few British Service Officers and only one Continental soldier have ever realized. It was the older von Moltke who, once overhearing certain German officers decrying the difficulties, the lessons and the conduct of our "Small Wars," remarked: "Ah! but gentlemen, you seem to forget that British officers do not go to the front in first-class carriages!"

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LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL OF AVA, G.C.B.
COLONEL 95TH REGIMENT
1829–1834

(*From a Portrait in possession of Sir Archibald Campbell of Ava, Bart.*)

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LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL OF AVA, BART., G.C.B.

1769–1843

COLONEL 95TH REGIMENT,

21ST SEPTEMBER, 1829, TO 22ND DECEMBER, 1834

By W. G. Blaikie-Murdoch

In "A Military History of Perthshire."

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL was born on the 12th March, 1769, the third son of Captain Archibald Campbell, nephew of John Campbell of Duneaves, and Margaret, daughter of Captain James Small. Captain Archibald Campbell lived at Carie, in Rannoch, and the subject of this biography was educated at the parish school of Fortingall and the University of St. Andrews. At the age of nineteen, having raised in his native parish and the neighbourhood a force of twenty recruits, he received an Ensign's commission in the 77th Regiment, and sailed for India in the spring of 1788. Campbell joined the army in the Bombay Presidency, and was engaged in the campaigns of 1790, 1791 and 1792, and was present at the first Siege of Seringapatam. In 1791 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and made adjutant of his regiment: in 1795 he took part in the reduction of the Dutch garrison of Cochin and its dependencies on the coast of Malabar; and in 1796 he served in the capture of Ceylon. In 1799, when war again broke out with Tipu, he was appointed brigade-major to the European brigade of the division which advanced from Bombay to co-operate with General Harris. For his services at Sedaseer and at the final Capture of Seringapatam Campbell was promoted

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captain into the 67th Regiment, but he exchanged into the 88th Connaught Rangers in order to remain in India. Two years later ill health obliged him to return to England, and he was employed in the recruiting service till 1803, after which he was for a time brigade-major on the staff of the Southern District.

In 1804 Campbell was promoted major into the 6th Garrison Battalion, then stationed in Guernsey, and on its reduction in 1805 he was appointed to the 2nd Battalion of the 71st Highland Regiment. In 1808 he was transferred to the 1st Battalion of the 71st, and served at Rolica, Vimiero, and Corunna. In the spring of 1809 he was one of the officers selected to accompany Marshal Beresford to Portugal to assist him in his task of reorganizing the Portuguese army, and he was promoted lieutenant-colonel by brevet the same year. Campbell was given command of the 16th Portuguese Regiment, and from that time onwards, first as colonel of his regiment, and latterly as brigadier-general, he took part in most of the famous battles of the Peninsular War. He was in action at Busaco in 1810; at Albuera and Arroyo dos Molinos in 1811; at the Pyrenees, Nivelle, and Nive. As an officer in the Portuguese army he won Beresford's highest praise, and his services in the field were frequently referred to by Wellington in his despatches. In April, 1814, he was knighted, promoted colonel in the Army, and appointed aide-de-camp to the Prince Regent, and in the following year he was made a K.C.B. He had received the Portuguese Order of the Tower and Sword in 1813.

After the conclusion of the war, Campbell remained for some years in the Portuguese service as a major-general, and in 1816 was appointed to the command of the Lisbon division of the Portuguese army. He resigned this appointment in 1820, and returned home.

In the following year Sir Archibald Campbell was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the 38th Regiment, and having joined the regiment at the Cape in 1822 he proceeded with it to India. Soon afterwards he was nominated to command the expedition against the Burmese. He arrived at Rangoon in May, 1824, and on the 10th June the Dagon Pagoda at Kimendine was stormed under his personal direction. This success, however,

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had not been long gained when Campbell was besieged in Rangoon by the ablest Burmese chief, Maha Bundula; but, having been reinforced, he raised the siege, and in February, 1825, advanced along the banks of the Irrawaddy towards Prome, Maha Bundula being finally defeated, and killed, on the 1st April. After spending the rainy season at Prome, Campbell in the autumn of 1825 continued his advance towards Ava, the capital of Burma. He finally brought the Burmese campaign to a successful conclusion by storming Mellun, the last fortified place on the way to Ava, in January, 1826.

In recognition of his services, Sir Archibald Campbell (by that time a major-general) was made a G.C.B., in December, 1826, and was publicly thanked by Lord Amherst, Governor-General of India. He also received the thanks of both Houses of Parliament, and a pension of £1,000 a year from the East India Company. For three years after this Sir Archibald was commander of the forces in the old ceded provinces on the coast of Tenasserim, and acted as civil commissioner to the Courts of Burma and Siam. Returning to England on account of ill health in 1829, he was received with great distinction. He was appointed colonel of the 95th Regiment, on the 21st September, 1829, and two years later was created a baronet, being granted special arms, and the motto "Ava" by Royal license.

Sir Archibald Campbell held the office of lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick from 1831 to 1837, after which he returned home to reside at his estate of Garth, in Fortingall, which he had bought five years before. He lived there until 1842, when the property was sold. In 1834 Sir Archibald was appointed to the colonelcy of the 77th Foot; in 1838 he was promoted lieutenant-general, and in 1840 he became colonel of the 62nd Regiment. He was appointed commander-in-chief at Bombay in 1839, but had to refuse the appointment on account of ill-health. He died at Edinburgh on the 6th October, 1843, at the age of seventy-four.

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LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR JOHN BUCHAN, K.C.B.

COLONEL OF THE 95TH REGIMENT,
5TH NOVEMBER, 1838, TO 11TH JUNE, 1843

THE following is taken from the *Annual Register* of 1850 :

" On the 2nd June in Upper Harley Street, after a lengthened and painful illness, Lieut.-General Sir John Buchan, K.C.B., Colonel of the 32nd Foot. Sir John entered the army in 1795, and was actively employed in the Mysore War against Tippoo Saib, and was present at the battle of Mall-valley [*sic*] and the assault upon Seringapatam in 1798 and 1799. In the next two years Lieut. Buchan served in the operations against the southern Poligars, on which occasion he relinquished a staff appointment to join his regiment in the field. He subsequently held detached commands in the island of Ceylon during the Kandian War.

" Afterwards he proceeded to the West Indies, and held a command at the assault and capture of Guadeloupe in 1810.

" The following year he served with the Portuguese Army, and from 1811 to 1814 was employed in Spain and Portugal ; during this period he was present in the battles of Vittoria, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes and Toulouse. He had received a gold cross and one clasp for his services as commander of the 7th Portuguese Regiment at Guadeloupe, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle and Nive ; and the silver medal for Orthes and Toulouse. He had also the medal for Seringapatam. For his services he was in 1831 nominated a K.C.B. ; in 1838 appointed Colonel of the 95th Regiment ; and in 1843 he was removed to the Colonelcy of the 32nd."

Sir John Buchan was also a knight of the Portuguese Order of the Tower and Sword. It will be noticed that in the portrait facing this all-too-brief notice, our former Colonel

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appears to be wearing one war medal only, in addition of course to the Peninsular Gold Cross and clasp; this medal would appear to be the silver medal awarded for the Peninsular War, known as the Military General Service Medal and which was sanctioned in 1847. The Medal for Seringapatam, to which he was also entitled, was granted by the East India Company to all the troops engaged, on the 18th July, 1808: in gold to general officers, in silver-gilt to field officers, in silver to captains and subalterns, in bronze to N.C. officers and other ranks of the British Army, and in tin to Sepoys. Permission to *accept* this Company's medal was given to officers and men of the British Army on the 29th August, 1815; but it was apparently not until 1851, that is, the year after General Buchan's death, that sanction to *wear* the medal was accorded to British troops engaged in the siege.

Sir John's dates of commissions are as under: Ensign, Scotch Brigade, 29.7.1795; Lieut., 21.10.1795; Capt. 2nd Ceylon Regt., 15.3.1802; Major, 30.6.1804; Lieut.-Col., 4th West India Regt., 30.3.1809; Brevet-Col., 12.8.1819; Lieut.-Col., 29th Foot, 28.2.1822; Major-Gen., 22.7.1830; Col., 95th, 5.11.1838; Lieut.-Gen., 23.11.1841; Col., 32nd Foot, 12.6.1843.

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XVII

SOME OTHER MATTERS

The Regimental Dinner of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment

THE 55th Annual Dinner was held on Thursday, the 5th June, 1930, at the Hyde Park Hotel, when the following officers, fifty-nine in number, attended: General Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., the Colonel of the Regiment, in the Chair; Lieut.-Generals Sir W. R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., and the Rt. Hon. Sir F. C. Shaw, K.C.B.; Brigadier-Generals F. C. Godley, M.V.O., H. A. Iggulden, C.I.E., P. Leveson-Gower, C.M.G., D.S.O., J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G., O. C. Wolley-Dod, C.B., D.S.O., and G. G. Cunningham, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.; Colonels R. S. Hart, D.S.O., R. S. Popham, C.M.G., D.S.O., W. E. Pye, C.I.E., and H. C. Wylly, C.B.; Lieut.-Colonels T. H. M. Green, D.S.O., R. H. Keller, D.S.O., O.B.E., A. S. Murray, O.B.E., R. V. Savile, C.B.E., B. G. V. Way, C.B.E., M.V.O., K. C. Weldon, D.S.O., J. S. Wilkinson, D.S.O., M.C., and J. H. Wybergh; Majors E. N. T. Collin, J. M. S. Crealock, C. D. Edwards, E. A. G. Gosset, H. B. Hume, O.B.E., G. F. Luther, J. E. H. Maxwell, M.C., J. N. Meares, C. C. Parkinson, M.V.O., F. Porter, H. V. Rhodes, O.B.E., R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O., and A. K. Slessor; Captains H. Carter, R. V. C. Cavendish, M.C., A. S. Edwards, M.C., A. de B. Morris, W. A. Platt, C. H. A. Sturge, E. E. Sullivan-Tailyour, M.C., and J. D'A. Whicher; Lieuts. E. H. Collins, C. Cockburn, W. M. E. Denison, C. B. Fairbanks, H. G. Fowler, R. D. Iggulden, R. M. Ingall, R. W. Jackson, A. C. C. Johnson, R. T. K. Pye, J. K. L. Roberts, R. B. Sanders, G. S. Wilmot-Sitwell and N. H. Thompson; Second-Lieuts. D. W. J. Candy, G. R. G. Bird and A. C. Weldon.

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The Annual Reunion of the Ladies of the Regiment was held at the same place and in the afternoon of the day of the Dinner, and rather over eighty were present and seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves. The following are the names our expert has extracted from the somewhat—in many instances—cryptic signatures obtained, under some persuasion, at the doors :—Mrs. Atherley, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird, Mrs. Bosanquet and Mrs. Warren, Mrs. and the Misses Boucher, Major and Mrs. Collin, Brig.-General and Mrs. Crofton-Atkins, Mrs. Dilworth and Mrs. Laskey, Mrs. Ebsworth, Major and Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Foster, Major and Mrs. Gosset, Brig.-General and Mrs. Godley and Mrs. Nicolls, Colonel and Mrs. Hart, Mrs. and Miss Hoyle, Major and Mrs. Hume, Brig.-General and Mrs. Iggulden and Lieut. R. D. Iggulden, Mrs. and Miss Ingall and Lieut. R. M. Ingall, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Leveson-Gower, Lieut.-General Sir W. Marshall, Major-General Sir F. and Lady Maurice, Captain and Mrs. Morris, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Briggs, Major and Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Paske, Captain Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Penna, Major and Mrs. Rhodes, Brig.-General and Mrs. Roy, Lieut.-General Sir F. Shaw and Mrs. Evans-Gwynne, Major and Mrs. Sherbrooke, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, General Sir H. and Lady Smith-Dorrien, Mrs. Sowter, Mrs. F. E. V. Taylor, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Weldon and Miss Weldon, Mrs. Frank Weldon and Miss Weldon, Captain and Mrs. Whicher, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Wilkinson, Colonel and Miss Wylly.

OUR HOSTS OF ALDERSHOT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD

The story of the Semi-Final and Final of the Army Football Cup is told elsewhere in our columns, but we feel sure that those hungry and thirsty officers and their wives who attended those two glorious successes, and found their throats much parched from their vocal efforts, continued during the greater part of an hour, would like us to record in these pages —*widely*-read pages, we should have said—their gratitude to those very kindly hosts and hostesses who, on the occasion of the Semi-Final, entertained forty-five of us to a very sumptuous tea at the Aldershot Club, and just twice that number

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on the afternoon of the Final. Our very kind hosts and hostesses were Brig.-General and Mrs. Roy, Mrs. Charles Harvey, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Wybergh, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Wilkinson, Major and Mrs. Rhodes, Major and Mrs. Edwards and Major and Mrs. Hume. To all these we offer our very grateful thanks.

A RECORD OF SERVICES OF THE OFFICERS 1ST AND 2ND BATTALIONS

The staff of our *Annual* have for some months past been engaged on the compilation of a Record of Services of the Officers of the two Regular Battalions of our Regiment, from 1741 up to the year 1930. This Record cannot pretend to be absolutely complete, since in the old days only an annual Army List was published, so that it is quite possible that some few names of officers may have escaped notice, having been gazetted to the Regiment after the publication of one Army List and having been reposted to another Regiment before the next Army List appeared. Two rather remarkable facts emerge from a study of this Record: one is the frequency with which a hundred and fifty years ago officers changed their regiments—more than one case will be found where an officer has served in no fewer than six or eight different regiments during perhaps little more than twelve or fifteen years' total service. The second very remarkable fact is the large number of casualties among our officers: the list contains rather over 1,550 names, and of these 87 have been killed in action or have died of wounds received in action, while 150 have been wounded in action—taking no account of those who have been wounded in earlier actions prior to being killed, or who may have—as many indeed have—been wounded more than once during their army service. The total casualties is thus 237, so that rather more than one in every seven of the officers who have served in the 45th and 95th, or in our 1st or 2nd Battalions, have become casualties at one time or another! There is no means of comparing these figures with those of other regiments of the British Army, but they appear somewhat staggering.

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A REGIMENTAL GARDEN PARTY

Major and Mrs. Rhodes gave their, now annual and very delightful, garden party at their house on the Remenham Hill on the 19th July, but the weather was unfortunately unpropitious; the clerk who controls its vagaries was in a bad mood, and though rain did actually hold off, the outlook was sufficiently threatening to keep away quite a third of the number invited. The following did, however, turn up and thoroughly enjoyed themselves: Brig.-General and Mrs. Godley, Miss Gordon-Cumming, Major and Mrs. and Miss Gosset, Major and Mrs. Hume and Mrs. J. W. T. Hume, Brig.-General and Mrs. Roy, Colonel and Mrs. Savile, Lieut.-General the Rt. Hon. Sir F. Shaw and Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Evans-Gwynne, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Willcox, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Wybergh and Colonel Wylly.

"BOYS" OF THE OLD BRIGADE

On the opening pages of our recently-published Regimental History some account is given of the circumstances under which the 45th Regiment came to be raised, consequent upon the sudden and great augmentation of our military strength due to the imminent outbreak of war. It is stated further that many old officers were brought in to the newly-raised regiment from the half-pay list, but it is not until one studies an old Army List of the period that one realizes how old indeed were many of these officers, and for how very many years some of them must have eaten their hearts out on the half-pay list. On page 3 of our History two subaltern officers are shown as being posted to the 45th on its creation, and on turning to an old Army List, dated 1740, in the Library of the Royal United Service Institution, one may glean something of the former services of these officers, and learn what age they had reached when posted to the 45th. Lieutenant James Fleming, whose commission in the 45th bears date 23.1.1741, had joined the 34th Foot as an Ensign nearly thirty years previously—actually in August, 1712—and was in his *forty-eighth* year when posted to the 45th, having passed the previous twenty-eight years on

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half-pay! Fleming was, however, only a boy in comparison with Lieutenant William Balfour, whose commission in the 45th bears date one day earlier than that of Fleming, and whose Ensigncy in his first corps is dated 24.3.1710, and who, before posting to the 45th, had been on half-pay since 1714. This promising young subaltern was in his *fifty-fourth* year on joining the 45th.

In those spacious days, however, men seem to have remained on half-pay indefinitely and up to any age, for the Army List above quoted tells us of a subaltern of cavalry who, having in 1740 attained the age of *ninety*, was still retained on the half-pay list; while another half-pay subaltern had at the same date reached the ripe age of *one hundred and eleven*! Neither of these two appear, however, to have been brought in to any of the regiments of cavalry or infantry raised about that period.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM WOODD, 45TH REGIMENT

Facing this page we give a portrait of this officer, who was born on the 21st September, 1751, and joined the Army as Second-Lieutenant in the 23rd Foot on the 30th March, 1768, being promoted First Lieutenant on the 8th February, 1773. During the greater part of that time Major John André, who was afterwards hanged by the Americans as a spy, was an officer in the same regiment; but it is not, so far as we are aware, generally known that André was a very good amateur miniature painter, and it is interesting to learn that the original miniature from which this portrait of young Woodd has been photographed, was painted of him by his friend and brother officer, John André. On the 2nd March, 1776, Lieut. Woodd purchased a company in the 45th Regiment, and with it he served during the American War of Independence, finally retiring from the Army on the 25th July, 1789.

Captain Woodd was descended from the Captain Basil Woodd who attended King Charles I on the scaffold at his execution. The illustration here reproduced was kindly placed at our disposal by the Rev. T. Basil Woodd, of St. John's Vicarage, Fitzroy Square, London.

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CAPTAIN W. WOODD
45TH FOOT
Served in the American War of Independence

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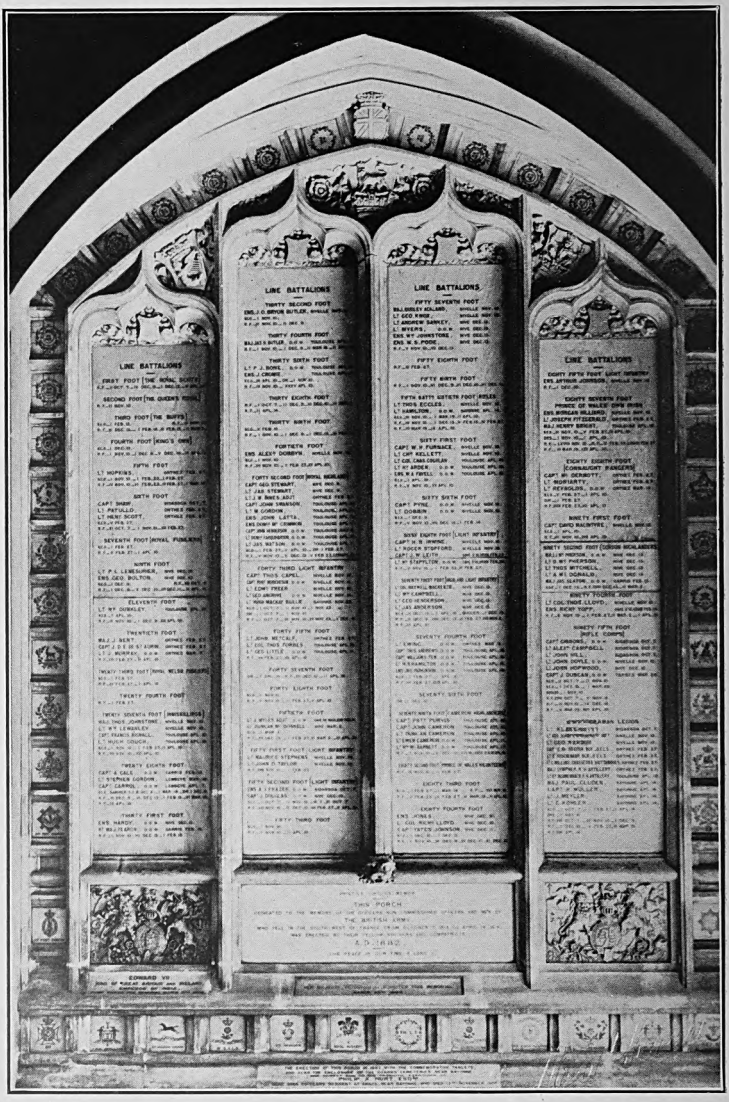

THE PENINSULAR MEMORIAL AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDRÉ, BIARRITZ

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CHANGE OF QUARTERS IN THE YEAR 1784

On page 95 of the first volume of the History of our Regiment there is some mention of the march of the 45th from Chatham to Dumfries in those days, and our attention has lately been called to the following in the *Morning Chronicle and London Advertiser* of Friday, 16th January, 1784: it runs:

"The 45th Regiment (Haviland's) on the route for Ireland by way of Portpatrick, received at Carlisle orders to march for Dumfries and there to await further orders. In the road between Hexham and Hartwhistle two children were frozen to death on the baggage carts and some of the women were near suffering the like fate. They marched into Dumfries on Tuesday."

This appears to have been an unusually hard winter, for the *Morning Herald* of the 8th January of this year writes that "when the 56th Regiment, which had been at the siege of Gibraltar, landed the day after Christmas Day, and, though the weather was prodigiously severe, in less than half an hour set out on their march for Scotland, between Portsmouth and Petersfield two of the children belonging to the women on the baggage wagons died through the intense cold."

THE REGIMENTAL TITLE OF "DERBYSHIRE"

In our *Annual* for 1928 we quoted extracts from an old order from which it appeared that in 1782 the Territorial Title of "Derbyshire" was conferred upon the 7th Royal Fusiliers, and at the time we were under the impression that no other regiment but the 95th—now our 2nd Battalion—had borne this County designation. It has, however, recently come to our notice that for some few years prior to the latter part of 1814 a monthly Army List—an unofficial issue apparently—was published by one Carpenter of Old Bond Street, London, and in this during the year 1799 and regularly up to and including the issue for April, 1800, the 84th Regiment appears therein as the "Eighty-Fourth or Derbyshire." This addition to the numerical title of that Regiment does not, however, appear in the official Annual Army Lists for 1799 and 1800, and there is no allusion whatever to such territorial title in the Digest of the 84th Regiment.

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THE 45TH REGIMENT IN BURMA

In the *Asiatic Register* for June, 1827, we find the following: "Accounts from Rangoon state that the place was evacuated on the 9th December, 1826, by the British troops, who were conveyed to Moulmein. H.M.'s 45th Regiment is stationed, with the concurrence of the Viceroy, at Old Martaban. The greatest harmony subsisted between the British and Burmese authorities. Before General Campbell left Rangoon he stipulated with the Viceroy, on behalf of the British subjects, that no duty, or charge of any description, shall be made on goods brought by British subjects to Rangoon, during its late occupation; but merchants may buy and sell them without hindrance; and all merchants wishing to ship such goods to a foreign country shall be at liberty to do so free of duties and charges, within three months from the date of the evacuation."

Then in the *United Service Journal* for April, 1837, there is an account of the shipwreck of the 78th Highlanders in 1816 off the island of Preparis, about six miles from the mouth of the Rangoon River, and the account concludes with the following, of which there is no mention in the Digest of the 45th Regiment:

"The island of Preparis had nearly occasioned the shipwreck of another corps. In 1826 the East India Company's ship *Ernaad*, having on board the 45th Foot and a number of camp followers, amounting in all to nearly 800 souls, struck on one of the outer shoals of that island, when on her way from Rangoon to Martaban, and it was only by the greatest exertions that she got off and succeeded in reaching the neighbouring port of Amherst Town. Strange to say, Lieut. Smith, one of those who had formerly been wrecked on the island in the 78th, was then on board as a lieutenant in the 45th, and thus narrowly escaped being cast away a second time on the same island in that remote corner of the globe."

Lieut. John Smith's dates of commissions were as follows: appointed Ensign 78th, 2.7.1812, promoted Lieutenant 3.2.14, placed on half-pay 25.9.17, and exchanged to the 45th, 5.5.1825; he disappears from the Army List in 1829.

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LIEUTENANT BENNETT, 45TH REGIMENT

It will be remembered that the above-named officer was killed in the affair at Bossenden Wood near Canterbury, in 1838, and he appears to have been very highly thought of, as may be seen from the following extract from a Dublin paper of that date: "The late Lieut. Bennett of the 45th Regiment, who behaved with such gallantry at Canterbury, and whose untimely death has caused so much regret, was the son of Lieut.-Colonel Bennett, now on the Continent, and had been spending his leave of absence, between 4 and 5 months, with his uncle, Mr. J. Bennett, at Platinus, Upper Leeson Street, till within a short period of his return to England. He had been in India during the past 12 years, and had just joined his regiment about 5 weeks at Canterbury. He distinguished himself against the Burmese and was much esteemed for his gentlemanlike conduct and amiable qualities. His grandfather was killed by rebels, and his own father, when a mere boy, was also engaged in the battle of Wexford, in which all the officers of his company, with one exception, were killed. He was commended, because of the military talents he displayed at the engagement, by the commander of the troops, to command the corps and the Lord-Lieutenant gave him his commission.

"About the same time a brother of Lieut.-Colonel Bennett, a lieutenant in the 63rd Regiment, was killed in the battle of the Helder in the expedition commanded by the late Duke of York.

"This family has had 5 members killed in the service of their Country, and have yet 5 or 6 serving in the military line."

COLONEL C. A. VIGOREUX, 45TH REGIMENT

In the pages of the *United Service Magazine* for 1847 we find the following notes about the services of the above-named officer, who does not appear to have had his due share of Honour and Rewards:

"I have been 45 years in the service, employed 16 years at home, and 29 abroad. In 1793, I was appointed to an

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Ensigncy without purchase; my Lieutenancy I purchased in 1794, and my Company in 1795; and by the regular Brevet of 1808, I got the brevet-rank of Major; and for the battle of Vittoria I was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In the 38th Regiment I commanded light troops generally in the Peninsula. In the Waterloo campaign I also there commanded light troops; but on the 16th, at Quatre Bras, Colonel Hamilton was wounded almost immediately, and I took the command of the regiment: I was then in the 30th. On the night of the 17th, Colonel Bailey joined, and he, being my senior officer, took the command; and upon his taking the command, Major-General Sir Colin Halkett gave me again the command of the light troops. In the East Indies I was Second Lieut.-Colonel of the 30th till December, 1826, when I exchanged into the 45th, and went over to the Burmese States, where I was appointed to the command of a Brigade, which I held till 1829, when Sir Archibald Campbell went home, and I then succeeded to the command of the Tenasserim Coast, the provinces that were ceded after the Burmese war. In 1832, my regiment returned to Madras, and in a few months they were ordered to Hydrabad, and I was appointed to the command of the subsidiary force there. On General Hawker's going home, in the beginning of 1836, I was appointed to the command of the Mysore country, which he had vacated; and I held that till Sir Hugh Gough arrived. But as I had been superseded in that command, my regiment was ordered home. At Tenasserim and Hydrabad I held what is termed the rank of Brigadier of the first class: it is no positive rank, merely a name. There were two classes of Brigadiers, first and second; and the officer who commanded the Tenasserim provinces was called a Brigadier of the first class, and also at Hydrabad, for, by the treaty with the Nizam, a General Officer cannot be appointed to Hydrabad. I was, as Colonel, senior to any Colonel at Hydrabad.

"When you went into the Mysore country, what rank did you hold?—I was first appointed Brigadier-General, by commission from Sir Henry Fane, the Commander-in-Chief; and in the Brevet of January, 1837, which promoted the Company's Colonels, Sir Henry Fane promoted all those in

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his Army who were senior to those Colonels, to be Major-Generals. I was then appointed Major-General to the Army serving in India, and continued to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the 45th Regiment, and a Brevet-Colonel in the Army.

"But with the local rank of Major-General in India, you held in fact three situations, and performed the duty of Brigadier of the first class on the Coast of Tenasserim and Hyderabad, and in the Mysore country Brigadier-General and Major-General?—Yes.

"And you have now returned home as Lieutenant-Colonel of the 45th Regiment, and Colonel in the Army by Brevet? —Yes.

"Then, after 45 years' service, you are now receiving, whilst in command of your regiment, the pay of Lieutenant-Colonel; and if you were obliged to retire, from the severity of your service, from the command of your regiment, you would only receive Lieutenant-Colonel's half-pay?—Nothing more. Whereas if you had served in the East India Company's Service for 35 years in India, you would have retired with full-pay of a Colonel, according to their regulations?—Yes."

The following are the services of this officer: Ensign 3rd Foot, 18.12.1793; Lieutenancy, 1794; Captain The Corsican Regiment, 4.4.1795; Captain 6th Foot, 16.1.1805; Captain 38th Foot, 2.7.1807; Brevet Major, 25.4.1808; Major 30th Foot, 4.6.1813; Brevet Lieut.-Colonel, 21.6.1813; Lieut.-Colonel 30th Foot, 7.9.1820; Lieut.-Colonel 45th, 20.12.1826; Brevet Colonel, 22.7.1830; Retired on Half-Pay, 12.7.1839; Died in London, 24.2.1841. Served in the Peninsular War; received the Gold Medal and Clasp for Fuentes D'Onor and Vittoria; served also in the Waterloo Campaign, wounded, Medal. It will be seen that he served in no fewer than six different regiments—by no means unusual in his day.

"OUTRAGE AT WINDSOR CASTLE"

This is the startling heading of a paragraph of a newspaper published late in the year 1839, and we publish it here in case the Provost-Sergeant of the 1st Battalion and his myrmidons may think it necessary or desirable to take any

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action in the matter ! ! From the 1st April to the 1st October, 1839, the Headquarters of the 45th was stationed at Windsor, proceeding then to Winchester, a detachment of the Regiment remaining in the Royal Borough up to the 31st December of that year.

Thus the sensational rag of the day: "A report is current that during the night of Wednesday last several panes of glass were broken from the exterior of the Queen's dressing-room, or one of the rooms immediately adjoining the bed-room of Her Majesty. Next morning Lord Melbourne sent a message to Colonel Boys, 45th, urging that some inquiries on the subject should be made of the sentinels who were on duty at the Castle during the night. The result of these inquiries has not been made public and the whole affair seems wrapt in mystery. Although the report has been in a way contradicted, it is passing strange that a glazier should have been on Thursday repairing windows which had been broken in the identical rooms referred to.

"The following particulars have reached us: on Thursday morning last, about 7 o'clock, when some servants of the Castle entered the private sitting-room of Her Majesty—at the S.E. corner of the building—they discovered that during the night the centre pane of the window, which is of extremely thick plate glass, had been starred, in which state it now remains, as if something had been hurled at it from the out-side; and on their going into an adjoining room, facing the same aspect and opposite the Long Walk, some 2, 3, or 4 windows were discovered to have been broken, and on search-ing about the room, three flint stones of rather large dimen-sions were found under the chairs . . . The cowardly outrage must have been perpetrated between the hours of 1.30 and 7 o'clock that morning, for upon application to the Baroness Lehzen on the subject, it was ascertained that she was in the room at the previous hour—1 o'clock—and that then the circumstance had not occurred . . . The Earl of Surrey, treasurer of the Household, sent to Colonel Boys, the com-mandant of the 45th Regt., as the privates of that Corps—a portion of which left their quarters at Windsor that morning for Winchester—were doing duty at the Castle during the night.

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COLONEL C. B. BOOTHBY
LATE 95TH REGIMENT

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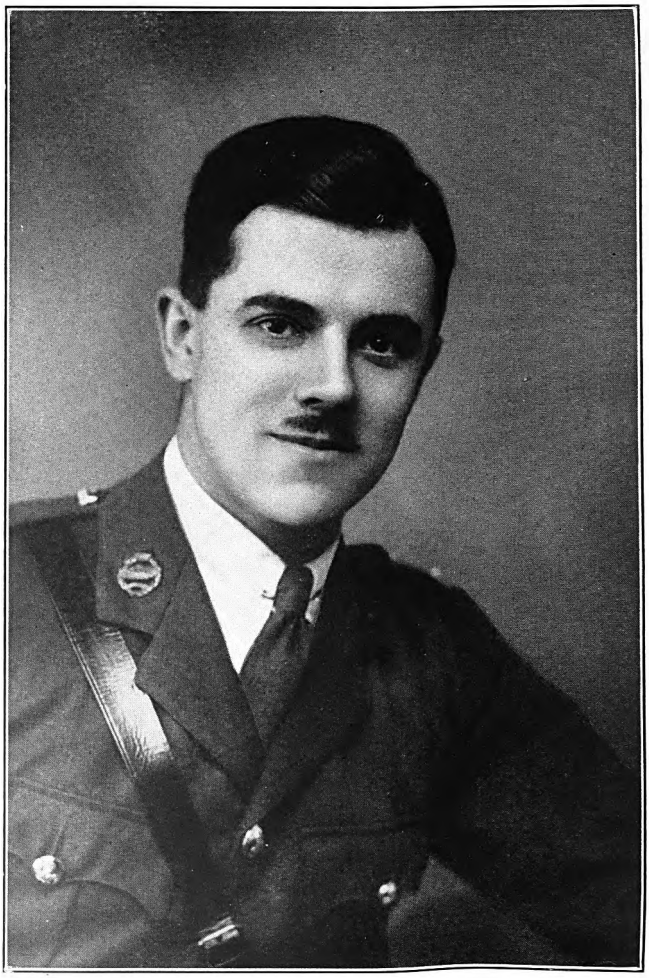

LIEUT. J. C. BOOTHBY

Late The Sherwood Foresters and Royal Tank Corps

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"Every one of the sentinels who were on duty from dark till morning, as well as the Sergeant of the Guard and several members of the Royal Household, were present. The sentinels all declared they heard nothing of the throwing of stones at the windows nor the breaking of glass. This is the more extraordinary and unaccountable, as one sentinel is stationed directly under Her Majesty's private sitting-room, and two others are stationed at the Grand Entrance and within twenty yards of the spot."

(Our readers will, we feel assured, heartily agree with us that it is high time this rather painful mystery was cleared up.—Ed.)

TWO GENERATIONS

We give in this number of our *Annual* portraits of two generations who have served in our Regiment, Colonel Charles Basil Boothby, and his grandson, Lieutenant John Clayton Boothby; a short obituary notice of the latter appeared in our *Annual* for 1929. Charles Basil, the grandfather, was appointed Ensign in the 95th the 2nd September, 1853, and was promoted Lieutenant on the 21st September, 1854, the day after the Battle of the Alma, in which action he lost a leg. Promoted Captain in the Regiment on the 1st February, 1856—those were days of rapid promotion—he went on half-pay on the 11th November of the same year, and though no longer fit for service in a marching regiment, he was still able to ride, the leg having been amputated below the knee, and he was offered by the Duke of Cambridge a commission in a cavalry regiment, which, however, he was not in a position to accept. Later he accepted a post in what the Duke described as "that damned Control Department," as the Commissariat Department was then known, and in this he served as Barrackmaster in Jamaica, and at Belfast, York, Athlone, Shorncliffe and Colchester, retiring in 1886 as a Deputy Assistant Commissary General with the rank of Colonel.

His son's name—Francis Stewart Evelyn Boothby—was also down for our Regiment, but when the time came there was no vacancy and he was gazetted to The Lincolnshire Regiment.

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The grandson, John Clayton Boothby, was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in The Sherwood Foresters on the 21st August, 1918, was promoted Lieutenant on the 21st February, 1920, joined the Royal Tank Corps on the 6th March, 1922, and was unfortunately killed by an accident in Egypt on the 6th December, 1928.

AN INDIAN ARMY APPOINTMENT

We congratulate our old comrade, Colonel George Knowles, D.S.O., who left us in 1897 for the Indian Army, in having, under date of the 14th February, 1930, been appointed Colonel of the Poona Horse (17th Queen Victoria's Own Cavalry), the two Regiments of which that corps is now composed under the Amalgamation Scheme of 1921, having been up to that date known as the 33rd Queen Victoria's Own Cavalry and the 34th Prince Albert Victor's Own Poona Horse.

THE LATE MAJOR RIGBY OF "OURS"

In connection with our "Record" it became necessary to approach the Secretary to the High Commissioner of Canada to learn the date and place of death in the late war of the above officer, formerly of our Regiment. Particulars were not available at the office of the High Commissioner in Trafalgar Square, but he very kindly caused inquiries to be made at the National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, Canada, with the result that the following information was placed at our disposal: "Major Percy Rigby, late Notts and Derby Regiment, proceeded to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1914, joining it from the 107th Regiment, Canadian Militia, and was appointed Major in the 12th Battalion C.E.F. 1.12.1914. The late Major Rigby proceeded to France with the 7th Battalion C.E.F. on the 9th February, 1915, and was killed in action on the 10th March, 1915. The place of burial of this officer is Rue David Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, 3½ miles south of Armentières, France, number of grave being Plot 2, Row D, Grave 49."

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A 45TH PENINSULAR MEDAL

At a recent sale at Messrs. Glendinings of the Cheylesmore Collection of War Medals, the Peninsular Medal awarded to Sergt. J. Nixon, 45th, and having 14 clasps—Roleia, Vimiera, Talavera, Busaco, Fuentes D'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes and Toulouse—went for £112 ! !

A PENINSULAR MEMORIAL

Facing page 225 will be found an illustration of a Peninsular Memorial erected at Biarritz in 1882 to the memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Peninsular Army who fell in the south-west of France from October, 1813, to April, 1814. Of the 45th the Memorial bears the names of Lieut. John Metcalfe, who fell at the Battle of Orthes, of Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Forbes and Lieut. George Little, who were killed or died of wounds received at the Battle of Toulouse, and of 27 Rank and File killed and wounded at Orthes and 10 who became casualties at Toulouse. This handsome Memorial, which appears to be framed with the Badges of all the Regiments commemorated, forms the Porch of the Church of St. André, and is now being restored by subscriptions received from the Regiments concerned.

THE WAR MEMORIAL AT LE TOURET

A correspondent has sent us a cutting from a newspaper describing the above War Memorial, and stating that the Le Touret Military Cemetery contains the names of 912 British soldiers. On the Memorial are inscribed the names of two holders of the Victoria Cross—Private J. Rivers of the 1st Battalion of our Regiment, who fell in action on the 12th March, 1915, and Private A. Acton of the 2nd Battalion, The Border Regiment. The Memorial was unveiled on the 22nd May by Lord Tyrrell, British Ambassador in Paris.

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THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

THE Nineteenth Annual General Meeting was held in the Central Hall of the Co-Operative Society, Derby, on Saturday, 18th October, 1930.

Lieut.-General Sir William R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., Colonel of the Regiment and President of the Association, presided, and was supported by Brig.-General J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G.

Colonel R. S. Hart, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O., Commanding 1st Battalion, and about one hundred members were present.

Before proceeding with the business Sir William asked the members to stand for thirty seconds in silent remembrance of our late beloved Colonel, General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at Nottingham on 19th October, 1929, were accepted as printed in the Annual Report.

Reports

The Report of the Executive Committee on the work of the Association during the year was submitted by Major R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O., Commanding the Depot and Chairman Executive Committee, who also submitted the Reports on the Employment Branch, the Regimental Memorial at Crich and the Cottage Homes, Mickleover.

Captain E. A. Pollard submitted the Report of the Benevolent Committee.

Accounts

A printed statement of the several accounts was distributed to members present, and showed balance cash credits of the General Fund, £178 0s. 4*d*.; Benevolent Fund, £278 17*s*. 9*d*.; and Wylly Guest Fund, £39 4*s*. 11*d*.

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The Reports, copies of which are annexed, and the statement of accounts were accepted.

New Bye-Laws

The New Bye-Laws, drawn up by the Special Committee convened for the purpose, were adopted unanimously, and will be found at the end of these Notes.

Election of Committees

The under-mentioned members were elected to serve on the General, Executive and Sub-Committees:—

General Committee:—

Four (4) Members O.C.A.:
- Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E., Derby.
- Mr. S. J. Howarth, Derby.
- Mr. J. C. Frow, Nottingham.
- Mr. W. H. Marshall, Worksop.

Three (3) District Representatives:
- Mr. R. Holmes, Chesterfield.
- Mr. R. Gray, Derby.
- Mr. J. W. Plaster, Nottingham.

Executive Committee:—

The same four (4) Members O.C.A., elected to serve on the General Committee.

Benevolent (Employment) Sub-Committee:—
- Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E.
- Mr. J. C. Frow.
- Mr. S. J. Howarth.

Benevolent (Relief) Sub-Committee:—
- Captain E. A. Pollard, Chairman.
- Messrs. B. Skerritt, J. C. Frow, J. H. Glover, J. W. Plaster and J. Tyers were re-elected.

Dinner Sub-Committee:—
- Messrs. B. Skerritt, J. C. Frow, A. R. Gunn and J. Tyers.

Memorial Sub-Committee:—
- Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E.
- Captain L. Jacques, M.C.
- Mr. C. R. Mason.

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A proposal by Major R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O., seconded by Mr. B. Skerritt, that a supplementary re-union of Members of the Association should be held in barracks at Derby, on 18th July, during the Regimental Week, and that a special grant of 2*s.* per member attending should be made from the General Fund for the purpose of providing light refreshments, gave rise to some discussion, and finally it was agreed to give the proposal a trial for one year, the expenditure from the General Fund being limited to a grant of £20.

A proposal by Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E., seconded by Mr. T. W. Bull, that efforts should be made to resuscitate the Nottingham Branch of the O.C.A. was also discussed, and on Captain E. A. Pollard undertaking to convene a meeting of old Foresters it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the District Representatives.

A further proposal by Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E., seconded by Mr. Holmes, that in view of the good work being done by the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, the annual donation from the funds of the O.C.A. should be increased to £25 was carried.

The subject of a Regimental Memorial to the late Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien was introduced by Sir William Marshall, who proposed that, whether a national memorial to General Smith-Dorrien were raised by public subscription or not, a Regimental Memorial to be erected at Crich and paid for entirely by subscriptions of Sherwood Foresters should be considered. The proposal was seconded by Brig.-General J. W. G. Roy, and the matter was referred to the General Committee for necessary action. In this connection the letter signed by Lieut.-General Sir W. R. Marshall and addressed to all Sherwood Foresters is reproduced :—

Regimental Memorial to General Sir H. L. Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O.

DEAR SIR,—

At the General Meeting of The Sherwood Foresters Old Comrades' Association, held in Derby on the 18th October, it was unanimously decided to raise within the Regiment a Fund with which to erect a memorial to our late Colonel

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and President, General Sir Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., and you, or any of your friends, who are now, or who have been, members of any Regular, Service, Territorial, Special Reserve, Militia, Volunteer-Reserve or Supplementary Reserve unit of The Sherwood Foresters are invited to subscribe.

No donation will be too small and subscriptions may be sent individually or collectively through battalions, branches or clubs or other associations to :—

Brigadier-General J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G.
Upton Lodge,
Upper Hale,
Farnham,
Surrey,

or to

Major R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O.,
Officer Commanding, The Regimental Depot,
Normanton Barracks,
Derby,

or to

Lieut.-Colonel F. Tomlinson, O.B.E., M.C.,
22, Mandalay Street,
Old Basford,
Nottingham,

marking the envelope, "*SMITH-DORRIEN MEMORIAL.*"

Whilst only actual members of the Regiment are invited to subscribe, donations from relatives of fallen Foresters who may wish to contribute to the Fund will also be welcomed.

Whether or not it may eventually be decided to raise funds by public subscription for a National Memorial to Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, we of the Regiment feel very strongly that the place where the memory of our late beloved Colonel should be perpetuated is at the Regimental Memorial at Crich.

It is therefore at Crich that our personal and Regimental Memorial will stand, in the form of a large bronze and a suitable approach to it.

We who knew Sir Horace are convinced that it is a Crich that he would have wished such a Memorial to be placed,

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for it was almost entirely by his personal efforts and influence that the small existing Endowment Fund of the Memorial was raised.

It was here, on the 20th July, that he performed his last public duty in the Territorial Area of the Regiment, and it is fitting that his own glorious record of service and devotion to duty should be found side by side with the names of the men he loved so well.

It was the late General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien's dearest wish that the Memorial to his men should be placed as soon as possible in a position of complete financial security, and it is intended to devote the residue of the Smith-Dorrien Memorial Fund to the endowment of the bronze itself, to the Tower and to the construction of the final section of the proposed approach road, without which thousands of elderly or infirm pilgrims and visitors will continue to be denied the possibility of approaching the Memorial to their sons, brothers and husbands and to the men of the Regiment who died for their Country.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. MARSHALL, Lieut.-General,
Colonel of The Sherwood Foresters
and President of the S.F., O.C.A.

The third Saturday in October, 1931, was fixed for the next Annual Gathering at Nottingham.

The Meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL DINNER

THE Annual Dinner was held in the Assembly Rooms, Derby, on the 18th October, 1930.

Lieut.-General Sir William R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., Colonel of the Regiment, presided, and the other Officers present were: Brig.-General J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G.; Colonels A. C. Clarke, T.D.; F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D.; G. D. Goodman, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C.; R. S. Hart, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonels L. C. Brewill, T.D.; R. T. Foster, D.S.O.; J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D.; N. G. Pearson, D.S.O., M.C.; F. Tomlinson, O.B.E., M.C.; A. Troops, M.B.E.; A. B. Wayte,

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D.S.O.; Majors P. F. R. Anley, C.B.E.; Rev. J. Hales, D.S.O.; J. W. Keith; H. H. Lilly; J. N. Meares; R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O.; Captains R. E. Barringer; R. V. L. Cavendish, M.C.; A. S. Edwards, M.C.; J. Farnsworth; A. S. Giles, M.C.; W. T. Greenfield; L. Jacques, M.C.; A. De B. Morris; E. A. Pollard; E. Skinner; B. Olive Smith; E. E. Sullivan-Tailyour, M.C.; N. A. McD. Walker; P. N. White; Lieutenants W. O. Burton, M.C.; W. M. E. Denison; A. F. Fielding; J. W. Graham; R. M. Ingall; L. E. Kelham; W. K. Miller; C. B. Newell; W. Noble; R. T. K. Pye; G. H. Rowley; H. L. Swire; V. H. Ward; C. A. Warmer, D.C.M., M.M., and G. Wilmot-Sitwell.

The High Sheriff of Derbyshire, Ernest Bagshawe, Esq., was the Guest of the evening. The Mayor of Derby, who had accepted an invitation, was at the last moment called away on business, and unable to attend.

The actual number present was 283.

After the Loyal Toast had been honoured, Sir William referred in a moving speech to the death of our late beloved Colonel, who was as well known to members as to himself. By his death they had suffered a loss that could never be replaced. He did not get the V.C., but personally he—the speaker—felt he ought to have had it. Those who soldiered under him knew what a wonderful influence for good he had in the Regiment. His first thought always was for the men for whom he was responsible. Whether he was commanding in the field or at a peace station, the thing he always worked for was the welfare of his soldiers whether of his own, or any other Regiment. One of his attributes was that whatever he was doing, that at the moment was the only thing worth doing. If he had command of a company it had to be the best company; if he was President of the Regimental Institutes they had to be the best Institutes. His work for the soldier arose from a genuine love of the soldier. He makes no reference in his book to the way he was treated, but, said Sir William, I myself have always felt bitterly the treatment of the man who saved the British Army.

Referring to the proposed Memorial to Sir Horace, the Chairman said that whether a National Memorial was under-

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taken or not, they had discussed the question of a Regimental Memorial at the Annual Meeting in the afternoon, and they had decided to adopt the suggestion of Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster to perpetuate the memory of our late Colonel by making a section of the new road and a suitable approach to the Regimental Memorial Tower at Crich ; and by placing a bronze tablet on the Tower itself. It was decided to ask all Officers, past and present, to subscribe, and O.C. Battalions and Branches of the O.C.A. to collect subscriptions. It was agreed that any surplus received should go to the Crich Memorial Fund. Sir William emphasized that this scheme would ensure the perpetuation of the Memorial Tower.

The Members then stood and drank a silent Toast to our late beloved Colonel, whom Sir William described as " the finest gentleman and soldier ever."

After a brief interval Sir William went on to relate the successes of the 1st Battalion in winning the Army Cup and the Folkestone Senior League Championship, and remarked that " Football is not soldiering " ; at the same time nothing in the world gives a regiment a better name than the fact that it is a fine football regiment.

The 2nd Battalion had moved from Karachi to Multan and at the moment were still in the Durand Football Cup.

He was pleased to hear that the Territorial Battalions had had a most enjoyable camp this year and that they were up to strength.

The Portrait of our late Colonel was brought from the Depot to the Assembly Rooms and placed in a prominent position overlooking the dining-tables.

THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION CHURCH PARADE

THE Annual Old Comrades' Church Parade was held at the Depot on Sunday, 19th October.

About fifty Old Comrades were present on parade besides the Recruits and members of the Depot Staff.

The parade was inspected by the Colonel of the Regiment, who also marched at its head to Normanton St. Giles Church.

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The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Price, and on the return to barracks the salute was taken by Lieut.-General Sir William Marshall.

The Band of the Derby Branch of the Old Comrades' Association kindly played the parade to church and also back to barracks.

In the evening an excellent concert was held in the Sergeants' Mess and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who were present.

The Officers who attended the parade were:—

Lieut.-General Sir William Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I.
Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O.
Lieut.-Colonel H. Morton, D.S.O., M.C.
Major R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O.
Major J. W. Keith.
Captain E. E. Sullivan-Tailyour, M.C.
Captain N. A. McD. Walker.
Captain A. S. Giles, M.C.
Lieut. R. M. Ingall.
Lieut. R. T. K. Pye.
Lieut. C. A. Warmer, D.C.M., M.M.
Lieut. A. F. Fielding.

The Annual Lunch took place in the Officers' Mess, at which the following were present:—

Lieut.-General Sir W. R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I.
Brig.-General J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G.
Colonel R. S. Hart, D.S.O.
Colonel H. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Colonel A. C. Clarke, T.D.
Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D.
Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Foster, D.S.O.
Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Wayte, D.S.O.
Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Kerr, M.C., T.D.
Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Brewill, T.D.
Lieut.-Colonel F. Tomlinson, O.B.E., M.C.
Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E.

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Major R. L. Sherbrooke, D.S.O.
Major J. N. Meares.
Major J. W. Keith.
Captain E. E. Sullivan-Tailyour, M.C.
Captain N. A. McD. Walker.
Captain J. R. Chidlaw Roberts, M.C.
Captain A. S. Giles, M.C.
Captain A. S. Edwards, M.C.
Captain P. N. White.
Captain A. de B. Morris.
Captain F. Barringer.
Lieut. R. M. Ingall.
Lieut. R. T. K. Pye.
Lieut. C. A. Warmer, D.C.M., M.M.
Lieut. W. M. E. Denison.

REGIMENTAL RE-UNION WEEK

It has been decided to hold a Regimental Re-union Week at the Depot during the summer, the dates chosen for 1931 being from Tuesday, 14th July, to Sunday, 19th July. The programme will be as follows:—

Tuesday, 14th July: Arrival of Officers and Other Ranks from 1st and 2nd Battalions.

Wednesday, 15th July: Morning. Inspection of the Depot by the Colonel of the Regiment.

Afternoon. Tennis Match, Depot and T.A. Battalion Officers *v.* 1st and 2nd Battalion Officers, 3 pairs, 2.30 p.m.; Cricket Match, N.C.O.s 1st Battalion *v.* N.C.O.s 2nd Battalion, 2 p.m.

Evening. Concert in Gymnasium, 9 p.m.

Thursday, 16th July: Morning. Squash Racquets Match, Officers of Depot and T.A. Battalions *v.* Officers of 1st and 2nd Battalions, 3 singles, 10 a.m.

Afternoon. Regimental Cricket Match *v.* Derbyshire Friars (starting at 12 noon). *Regimental At Home.*

Evening. Officers' Guest Night.

Friday, 17th July: Morning. Handball Match, Depot N.C.O.s *v.* 1st and 2nd Battalion N.C.O.s, 10 a.m.

Afternoon. Regimental Cricket Match *v.* Nottingham-

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shire Amateurs (starting at 12 noon). *Regimental At Home.*

Evening. Warrant and N.C.O.'s Dance, Gymnasium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, 18th July: Morning. Tennis Match, N.C.O.s of 1st Battalion *v.* N.C.O.s of 2nd Battalion, 2 pairs, 10 a.m. Golf Match, Officers of Depot and T.A. Battalions *v.* Officers of 1st and 2nd Battalions, 3 pairs, 10 a.m.

Afternoon. Old Comrades' Re-union and Cricket Match, Past *v.* Present, 2.30 p.m.

Evening. Smoking Concert, Gymnasium, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, 19th July: Morning. Old Comrades' Church Parade, 10.15 a.m. Officers' Luncheon Party.

Afternoon. Crich Pilgrimage.

It is hoped that as many retired officers and their families as possible will be able to attend the "At Homes," and that on Saturday, 18th July, as many members of the O.C.A. and their families as possible will forgather for the Past *v.* Present cricket match. Accommodation will be available for the night of the 18th/19th for a certain number of Other Ranks of Old Comrades who apply early to the Assistant Secretary, and a certain number of tea tickets, to the value of 2*s.* per ticket, will be issued to those Old Comrades who are actually in need of them on application and proof of membership to Mr. Howarth, the assistant secretary, O.C.A.

CRICH PILGRIMAGE

In spite of the most appalling weather, several hundred Old Comrades and relatives of the Fallen assembled at Crich Stand on Sunday, 20th July. The Colonel of the Regiment, the late Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien and 150 Officers, N.C.O.s, Privates and married families from the Depot attended the service and there were also present:—

Brig.-General Jackson.

Colonels Goodman, Hugo Watson, Dick, Hall, Tomlinson, Kerr, and Troops.

Mr. Bourne-Wheeler and Mrs. Markham.

Representative parties of Officers, W.O.s, N.C.O.s and men from all four Territorial Battalions.

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The occasion was one of particular interest in that the O.C.A. had only taken over control of the Regimental Memorial a few weeks previously, and the importance of their new joint ownership and responsibility for the Memorial was emphasized by the late General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien in his address, the last to be made by him in the territorial area of the Regiment. At the request of the Colonel of the Regiment, the wearing of uniform, at the Pilgrimage, was made optional for serving members of the Regiment. The service was conducted by the Honorary Chaplain of the Depot, the Rev. T. C. R. Price, M.A., Vicar of Normanton. The fact that the Memorial is now the property of the O.C.A. is due almost entirely to the individual efforts of the late Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, and to the generosity of Lieut.-Colonel J. Pearson, D.S.O., of Bramcote, Nottinghamshire.

NOTES ON THE EMPLOYMENT BRANCH OF THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION, 1930

SINCE the publication of the last Annual Report in October, 1929, an additional 111 names have been added to the Employment Register, making a total of 325 names registered since the inauguration of the Employment Branch in January, 1928.

During 1930, employment has been found for 66 men; this number, together with our efforts of 1928 and 1929, now brings the total number of men for whom employment has been found to 179. When the present trade depression and the fact that other service organizations in the two counties are in competition with us, are considered, these figures are not unsatisfactory.

The British Celanese Co. Ltd., Spondon, have again received our applications for employment very sympathetically, and this year have provided jobs for 43 men.

Our efforts to place men in employment in the Nottingham area have again met with little or no success.

During the year arrangements were made to put into operation two schemes for the purpose of helping men, on the Register, to obtain employment, viz.:—

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(*a*) Farm training for men who wish to settle in Canada.
(*b*) Domestic training in private houses.

Circulars explaining the conditions of work, etc., were forwarded to all likely applicants, but no applications for training have as yet been received.

From the experience we have gained since the formation of the Branch, there is no doubt that the efficiency of the Employment Bureau would be greatly increased if closer touch with employers of labour could be assured, thus obtaining preferential treatment for men belonging to the Regiment. At present our activities are confined, in nearly every case, to writing to employers of labour, instead of personally interviewing them; this is unavoidable, and here is the great need for a paid Secretary who could devote most of his time to job finding.

There are at present 146 names on the Register of men who are seeking the help of the Employment Bureau in their efforts to find work.

REPORT ON THE CRICH MEMORIAL FUND

WHEN the last report was published, the appeal for funds sufficient to pay off all outstanding liabilities and to form an Endowment Fund of £500 for the future maintenance of the Memorial had produced the sum of £279. Since then several donations have been received, and through the generosity of Lieut.-Colonel N. G. Pearson, D.S.O., M.C., who made up the difference of £127 8*s.* 7*d.*, the sum of £500, clear of all liabilities, has been obtained. This sum is now being invested by the trustees of the Fund.

On completion of this transaction the Memorial Fund will cease to exist, the dividends of the investment being paid over to the Tower Fund, which is the running account of the Memorial.

The Tower, Warden's Cottage and grounds have been put in a thorough state of repair, and in this connection the sum of about £80 has been spent since last year.

The takings for admission to the Tower since the last report were £78 6*s.* 6*d.*, equivalent to 6,266 persons paying for admission to the Tower, a decrease on last year of

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£18 18s. 6d., or 1,514 persons paying for admission. The sale of post-cards reached £13 2s. 4d., an increase on last year of £3 9s. 3d., and a sum of £14 15s. 7d. was credited to the Tower Fund for the sale of teas and refreshments, a decrease of £3 7s. 4d. on last year.

It will have to be realized that the takings for admission, the sale of post-cards, etc., will decrease and a serious situation will arise, as the present total income is only just equal to the expenditure. With a view to increasing the takings, efforts are being made to persuade the County Council of Derbyshire to build a short approach road right up to the front of the Tower by which some, if not all, of the hundreds of charabancs which now pass through Crich, could convey their passengers to the Memorial.

This proposal of the Executive Committee of the O.C.A. is now under consideration by the County Council.

The Balance Sheets of the Memorial Fund and The Tower Fund are published for information.

Balance Sheet of the Memorial Fund

Deposit Account

Receipts	£	s.	d.	Payments	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit brought forward	252	17	6	Postage	1	0	0
Subscriptions	191	9	6				
Tower Fund	46	9	11				
Interest	10	3	1	Balance Credit	500	0	0
Total	£501	0	0	Total	£501	0	0

REPORT ON THE REGIMENTAL COTTAGE HOMES

The two Cottage Homes, at present occupied by Mr. A. Hallam, late Colour-Sergeant of the Depot, and Mr. W. A. Wilson, late Corporal of the 2nd Battalion, have been well looked after by their occupants.

Since the report in 1929, several minor repairs have been taken in hand, such as overhauling the kitchen fireplaces and sanitation, etc., amounting in all to a cost of about £7.

The Balance Sheets of this account are published for information (p. 248).

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BALANCE SHEET, TOWER FUND

Receipts

	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit Brought Forward	71	1	0
Takings for Admission	78	6	6
Sale of Post Cards	13	2	4
Teas and Refreshments	14	15	7
Subscriptions	183	2	10
Refund for Wreaths, Crich Pilgrimage	7	2	6
Total	£367	10	9

Payments

	£	s.	d.
Gas Co.	8	0	8
J. Woolley. Pay and 50% Takings	76	14	3
Rates	11	4	8
Insurance	1	9	3
Repairs to Lodge, etc.	75	0	7
Printing	4	16	4
Oil Stove, Show Case and Tea Urn	4	2	0
Postage	4	0	0
Purchase of Post Cards	7	7	0
Memorial Fund	46	9	11
Wreaths for Crich Pilgrimage	7	2	6
Balance Credit	121	3	7
Total	£367	10	9

Assets

	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit at Bank	135	1	4
Total	£135	1	4

Liabilities

	£	s.	d.
Unpresented Cheques	13	17	9
Ambergate Gas Co. Quarter ended 30th September, 1930	2	0	0
Balance Credit	119	3	7
Total	£135	1	4

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BALANCE SHEET, REGIMENTAL COTTAGE HOMES

Receipts

	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit Brought Forward	30	9	5
Interest	37	2	3
O.C. 1st and 2nd Battalions	20	0	0
Total	£87	11	8

Payments

	£	s.	d.
Insurance	1	1	3
A. Millward. Coal	15	15	0
Grant to Cottage occupants	36	16	0
Rates	13	16	0
Balance Credit	20	3	5
Total	£87	11	8

Assets

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank	29	7	5
£300 3½% Queensland Stock at 98½	295	10	0
£593 L.M. & S.R. 4% Pref. Shares at 62	367	9	3
£49 7s. N.S.W. 5¼% Stock. 1947–1957 at 90	44	8	3
Total	£736	14	11

Liabilities

	£	s.	d.
Unpresented Cheques	9	4	0
A. Millward. Coal	3	13	9
Repairs to Cottages	7	0	0
Balance Credit	716	17	2
Total	£736	14	11

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THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Patrons

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., T.D.
His Grace the Duke of Portland, K.G., G.C.V.O., T.D.

President

Lieut.-General Sir W. R. Marshall, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I.
(Colonel of the Regiment)

Vice-Presidents

Lieut.-General The Rt. Hon. Sir F. C. Shaw, P.C., K.C.B.
Brig.-General J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G.
Colonel H. C. Wylly, C.B.
Lieut.-Colonel M. McGuire, O.B.E.

General Committee

Chairman :—

The Colonel of the Regiment.

Members :—

Officer Commanding 1st Battalion.
Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion.
Officer Commanding 5th Battalion.
Officer Commanding 6th Battalion.
Officer Commanding 7th Battalion.
Officer Commanding 8th Battalion.
Officer Commanding Regimental Depot.
Brig.-General J. W. G. Roy, C.M.G.
Colonel R. S. Hart, D.S.O.
Major P. F. R. Anley, C.B.E.
Captain L. Jacques, M.C.
} Four ex-Regular Officers of the Regiment.

Chairman, Benevolent Relief Sub-Committee,
Captain E. A. Pollard.

Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E.
Mr. S. J. Howarth
} Derbyshire

Mr. J. C. Frow
Mr. W. H. Marshall
} Nottingham-shire

} Four Members of the O.C.A.

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District Representatives for :—

Derby	Mr. R. Gray.
Nottingham . . .	Mr. J. W. Plaster.
Chesterfield . . .	Mr. R. Holmes.

Executive Committee

Chairman :—

Officer Commanding Regimental Depot.

Members :—

Officer Commanding Home Battalion.
Colonel F. M. Dick, M.C., T.D.,
Officer Commanding 6th Battalion.
Major P. F. R. Anley, C.B.E.
Captain L. Jacques, M.C. } Two Retired Regular Officers.
Chairman, Benevolent Relief Sub-Committee,
Captain E. A. Pollard.

Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E.	Derby	Four Members of the General Committee.
Mr. S. J. Howarth		
Mr. J. C. Frow . . .	Nottingham	
Mr. W. H. Marshall . .	Worksop	

Benevolent (Relief) Sub-Committee

Chairman :—

Captain E. A. Pollard.

Members :—

Mr. J. W. Plaster.
Mr. B. Skerritt.
Mr. J. H. Glover.
Mr. J. C. Frow.
Mr. J. Tyers.

Benevolent (Employment) Sub-Committee

Chairman :—

Officer Commanding Regimental Depot.

Members :—

Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E.
Mr. S. J. Howarth.
Mr. J. C. Frow.

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REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL (CRICH) SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman :—
Officer Commanding Regimental Depot.

Treasurer :—
Administrative Officer, Regimental Depot.

Members :—
Lieut.-Colonel A. Troops, M.B.E.
Captain L. Jacques, M.C.
Mr. C. R. Mason.

DINNER SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman :—
Lieut.-Colonel F. Tomlinson, O.B.E., M.C.

Members :—
Mr. B. Skerritt.
Mr. J. C. Frow.
Mr. A. R. Gunn.
Mr. J. Tyers.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Lieut.-Colonel F. Tomlinson, O.B.E., M.C.
22, Mandalay Street,
Old Basford,
NOTTINGHAM.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mr. S. J. Howarth, Normanton Barracks, Derby, to whom all applications for Employment should be addressed.

TRUSTEE

United Services Trustee, London.

BANKERS

The National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Derby.
Lloyds Bank, Cox's and King's Branch, 6, Pall Mall, S.W.1.

AUDITOR

Lieut.-Colonel H. Morton, D.S.O., M.C. (Associate of the Incorporated Society of Auditors and Accountants), 65, St. Giles Road, Derby.

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SPECIAL BYE-LAWS COMMITTEE'S DRAFT

24TH JULY, 1930

1. TITLE

The Association to be called The Sherwood Foresters Old Comrades' Association.

2. OBJECT

To foster the *esprit de corps* of the Regiment; to bring Old Comrades together; to give the younger generation an opportunity of meeting those who in their time have done good service; to help one another and to hold an annual dinner at Nottingham and Derby alternately; and also to form and control a Benevolent Fund.

3. MEMBERSHIP

All those who are serving or who have served in any Regular, Militia, Special Reserve, Territorial or Service Battalion of The Sherwood Foresters, and all members of the Active Service Section of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Volunteers who served with the 1st Battalion in South Africa, shall be eligible for membership.

Members who are discharged from the Regiment before they complete their period of recruits' training, at the Regimental Depot, shall cease to be members, and their subscriptions shall be refunded, except in the case of men of good character who wish to retain their membership, and are recommended by O.C. Depot.

Serving members in arrears of subscriptions for six months, without valid reason, shall be struck off the roll of members, and in the case of non-serving members after three years.

The Executive Committee is empowered to strike off the name of any member from the roll of members, whose conduct is unbecoming and would bring discredit on the Association. A member so expelled has the right of appeal to the General Committee.

The Executive Committee may also refuse membership to any applicant if it is considered in the interest of the Association to do so.

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In all such cases, the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final, subject to appeal to the General Committee.

4. Honorary Members

Any Lady or Gentleman, interested in the Regiment who subscribes annually to the funds of the Association, shall become an Honorary Member of the Association.

5. Life Members

A member shall become a Life Member on payment of £1, either in a single donation or when the aggregate of his subscriptions amount to £1.

6. Subscriptions

The annual subscriptions for all ranks shall be one shilling, paid in advance on the 1st January in each year. Members are invited to make donations to the Benevolent Fund which is largely dependent on the generosity of subscribers.

7. Benefits

Members shall be eligible for the following benefits:—

(*a*) Immediate temporary assistance to the members themselves and their dependants in cases of real need approved by the Benevolent Sub-Committee, provided always that a grant, either in money or in kind or both, shall not exceed £6 in any particular case, without reference to the Executive Committee, and subject to the rules which will be laid down from time to time by the General Committee for the administration of the Employment Relief Fund, and all other funds, *vide* Bye-Law 9.

(*b*) Assistance to fit themselves for employment, and to obtain employment, at home or overseas, in accordance with the rules laid down for the Benevolent (Employment) Fund.

(*c*) *Non-members will not be eligible for benefits except:*—

Members of the following disbanded units whose funds, or a portion of whose funds were donated to the Association. 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 17th, 51st, 52nd and 53rd Battalions.

(*d*) Ex-Sherwood Foresters who can satisfy the Benevolent

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Sub-Committee that their failure to join the Association has been due to extreme poverty, or illness, or ignorance of its existence and aims.

(*e*) Old ex-Sherwood Foresters or their dependants, living in distant parts of the United Kingdom, who may reasonably be supposed never to have heard of the Association.

8. Funds

The Funds of the Association shall be divided among the following sub-committees :—

(*a*) General Fund.
(*b*) Benevolent Employment Fund.
(*c*) Benevolent Relief Fund.
(*d*) Cottage Homes.
(*e*) Wylly Guest Fund.
(*f*) Dinner Fund.

Each of (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) sub-accounts will be operated by their respective sub-committees, under the instructions of the Executive Committee.

The General Fund shall be vested in the Executive Committee, under the instructions of the General Committee, and they shall have full powers to apply the same as they think fit in defraying such expenses as may be incurred in the management and in alloting grants to the sub-accounts.

The financial year shall be from 1st January to 31st December.

9. Committees

General Committee.—The General Committee shall decide all questions affecting the policy and constitution of the Association, and shall consist of the Officers Commanding the Regular and Territorial Battalions of the Regiment or, should circumstances make it impossible for one of them to attend personally, he may nominate an officer from his battalion to take his place.

O.C. Depot.

Four Retired Regular Officers of the Regiment, or four Serving Regular Officers of the Regiment borne on the General List to be nominated by the Colonel of the Regiment.

The Chairman of the Benevolent (Relief) Sub-Committee.

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Four members of the O.C.A. to be elected for three years at the Annual General Meeting.
One District Representative from Nottingham, Derby and Chesterfield.
Chairman—The Colonel of the Regiment or his nominee.

There will be a meeting of the General Committee immediately before the Annual General Meeting of the Association, in Nottingham or Derby and, if required, additional meetings may be held in Derby on the occasion of the Crich Pilgrimage in July, or any other suitable date.

Executive Committee.—The Executive Committee shall consist of :—

The Officer Commanding the Home Battalion
*The Officer Commanding a Territorial Battalion
} Or their representatives.
*Two Retired Regular Officers of the Regiment, members of the General Committee.
The Chairman of the Benevolent (Relief) Sub-Committee.
Two members of the O.C.A. resident in Derbyshire and 2 members of the O.C.A. resident in Nottinghamshire, all four being members of the General Committee who shall serve for 3 years.
Chairman—Officer Commanding Regimental Depot.

This Committee shall have power to invest and allocate the funds and generally supervise and control the working of the Association, under the General Committee. It shall also deal with the organizing and administration of the District Branches, and with all arrangements for the General Meeting, and admittance to the Regimental Cottage Homes.

The Executive Committee shall meet before the Annual General Meeting of the Association and as required in Nottingham or at Normanton Barracks, Derby.

Sub-Committees

The Benevolent (Employment) Sub-Committees shall consist of :—

Officer Commanding Regimental Depot (Chairman).

* To be nominated by the Colonel of the Regiment.

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Officer Commanding the Home Battalion or his representative.
Three Members of the O.C.A. to be elected at a General Meeting,

and shall deal with all questions affecting employment in civil life and shall control such funds as may be allocated to it, under the following headings :—

(*a*) Vocational Training.
(*b*) Obtaining employment.
(*c*) Expenses of moving to take up work in the United Kingdom or Overseas.
(*d*) Overseas settlement.

Regimental Memorial (*Crich*) *Sub-Committee* shall consist of :—

Chairman—Officer Commanding Regimental Depot.
Treasurer—Administrative Officer (Depot).
Three members of the O.C.A. to be elected at a General Meeting.

The Benevolent Relief Sub-Committee shall consist of :—

Chairman and 5 members of the O.C.A. to be elected at a General Meeting, and will deal with all questions affecting benefits to members and their dependants who are deserving and, owing to poverty and illness, are in need of immediate pecuniary assistance (subject to Bye-Law 7). This sub-committee shall control such funds as have been allocated to it by the General Committee, provided each case is covered by the terms of the Deed of Trust, and may incur expenditure under the following headings :—

(*a*) Giving immediate temporary assistance in all cases of real need.
(*b*) Medical and weekly allowances in sickness.
(*c*) Funeral expenses.
(*d*) Admittance to Convalescent Homes.

The Dinner Sub-Committee shall consist of a Chairman (the Secretary of the Association) and 4 members of the O.C.A., to be elected at the Annual General Meeting and will

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make all arrangements for the Annual Dinner, administration of the Dinner Fund and the Wylly Guest Fund.

All sub-committees shall report through the Secretary of the Association to the Executive.

All elected members of the sub-committees will serve for three years from the date of election, and will be elected at an Annual General Meeting.

To form a Quorum, the presence of 7 members at a General Meeting; of 5 at an Executive Committee Meeting and 3 at a Sub-Committee Meeting will be necessary.

10. Representatives

District Representatives shall be appointed in certain towns where no local branch of the Association exists, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. In such towns where local branches have been formed, the Branch Secretary shall be the District Representative. The duties of these representatives shall be to:—

(*a*) Further the interests of the Association.

(*b*) Investigate cases for relief and forward particulars to the Benevolent (Relief) Sub-Committee for consideration; endeavouring to obtain additional members for the Association; keep in touch with Labour Exchanges and local Voluntary Employment Agencies and assist the Benevolent (Employment) Sub-Committee by every possible means to find employment for deserving cases.

11. Meetings

A General Meeting of the members of the Association shall be convened once a year, on the day of the Dinner at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall decide. Each member shall be notified of the fact at least one month before the Dinner takes place.

The Executive Committee shall assemble whenever necessary in the opinion of the Chairmen, but not less than twice yearly, in Derby or Nottingham.

The meetings of the sub-committees shall be at the discretion of the Chairmen of the sub-committees as occasion arises.

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12. Books

The books of the Association shall be audited.

13. Headquarters

The Headquarters of the Association shall be at Normanton Barracks, Derby.

14. Annual Report

An Annual Report shall be furnished free of charge to all members who are no longer serving with the Regiment, to all Hon. Members and to the Officers and Sergeants' Messes and Reading Rooms of all Battalions of the Regiment and Depot.

15. Voting

Members unable to be present at a General Meeting shall have the right to vote by letter or vote paper on important questions affecting the policy or the constitution of the Association. Such votes to reach the Secretary two months before the General Meeting in question. Notice of such question shall only be circulated at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

16. Amendments

Any member or branch wishing to propose an additional Bye-Law or Bye-Laws, or any alteration of existing Bye-Laws, or alteration of the constitution of Committees, or arrangements for the control of funds, as laid down in the Bye-Laws, shall give notice of the same, in writing, to the Secretary of the Old Comrades' Association at least three months prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Any such proposals may only be submitted to the next Annual General Meeting with the approval of the General Committee, but if the proposed has not received the approval of the General Committee, the proposer may give notice of his intention to re-submit his proposal to the Annual General Meeting in the following year.

In the case of a proposal by the General Committee itself, a year's notice will not be required, but such a proposal will be submitted to branches not less than three months before

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the date of the Annual General Meeting, at which the General Committee intend to submit it.

17. These Bye-Laws, herein drawn up, will supersede any previously made and, if passed by the Annual General Meeting in October, 1930, will come into force as from the 18th October, 1930.

18. Applications for Assistance

All applications by members for assistance for employment should be addressed to :—

The Secretary,
The Sherwood Foresters Old Comrades' Association,
Normanton Barracks,
Derby.

All applications by members for assistance for relief should be addressed to :—

The Secretary,
The Sherwood Foresters Old Comrades' Association,
22, Mandalay Street,
Old Basford,
Nottingham.

APPENDIX

Rules Covering Local Branches

Title

The Branch shall be known as the..... Branch of The Sherwood Foresters Old Comrades' Association.

Objects

The objects of the Branch shall be as laid down in Rule 2 for The Sherwood Foresters Old Comrades' Association.

Officers

The Officers of the Branch shall be (*a*) Chairman, (*b*) Vice-Chairman, (*c*) Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the Branch General Committee.

Reference (*c*)—Branches may elect a separate Hon. Treasurer if so desired.

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Committee

The management of the Branch shall be in the hands of a Branch General Committee who shall be elected annually. Composition of committee is left to the discretion of Branch concerned, but those elected must be members of the Association.

Membership

All past and serving Sherwood Foresters shall be eligible for membership of the Branch. Serving members on leave, etc., shall be *ipso facto* members of the Branch. Hon. members may be elected at the discretion of the Committee, and the Association Secretary notified.

Branch Subscriptions

Subscriptions, if any, are left entirely subject to the wishes of the Branch concerned.

Meetings

Local Branches shall meet as may be considered necessary.

Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, a member of the Branch General Committee may be elected to the Chair.

Books

The Hon. Secretary shall keep a Minute Book and other books as may be considered necessary by the Branch concerned.

Branch Accounts

All monies which Branches may possess, must be placed in a Bank at the earliest opportunity. No money may be withdrawn except under the signature of the Chairman and the Secretary. The Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe lodgment of Branch monies. Accounts will be submitted for audit from time to time to the Association Secretary, but arrangements should be made to hold Branch audits each quarter.

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Refunds

Legitimate charges for postage, etc., and for fares in connection with the investigation of cases shall be deemed a fair charge against the General Fund of the Association. Accounts for this nature will be submitted for settlement monthly.

Association Subscriptions

To facilitate the collection of O.C.A. subscriptions, the Hon. Secretary will collect members' subscriptions and forward same to the Association Secretary, who will forward a receipt direct to the member concerned.

Reports

Reports from all Branch Meetings will be submitted to the Association Secretary within seven days of such meetings.

General

Branches are empowered to add to the Rules as may be deemed necessary, provided that no rule of the Association is contravened.

A copy of the Rules, as drawn up by every Branch, will be forwarded to the Association Secretary, who will be notified immediately of any subsequent amendments to the Branch Rules by the Hon. Secretary of the Branch concerned.

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Obituary

ON the 12th August the Colonel of our Regiment, *General Sir Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O.*, to the inexpressible grief of all ranks, died in the Cottage Hospital at Chippenham, Wiltshire, from injuries received the previous evening in a motor accident. Our Colonel was born at Berkhamsted, Herts, on the 26th May, 1858, so was just over 72 at the time of his tragic death. He was educated at Harrow and, on passing out of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, was gazetted Sub-Lieutenant in the 95th, now the 2nd Bn. of our Regiment, on the 26th February, 1876, joining that Regiment at Cork. It was while the 95th was stationed at Athlone in 1878–79 that he had his first opportunity of seeing something of active service, General Lord Chelmsford, who had then been just appointed to the command of the troops proceeding to South Africa, and who always retained a great regard for the 95th with which he had served in the Indian Mutiny, writing to the Regiment to say he would find jobs for any two or three of the 95th officers who could be spared for active service in Zululand. Lieutenant Smith-Dorrien was then officiating adjutant, but he was determined to see service, and despite much discouragement from "the High Command" (of the 95th) he succeeded in getting away. The writer took over the acting adjutancy from him, and well remembers the unholy joy he experienced in opening, perusing, and placing face upwards on the C.O.'s table in the orderly room, a telegram which belatedly—but opportunely—arrived from Lieutenant Smith-Dorrien's elder brother, warmly congratulating him in having circumvented the above-named higher authority.

He served throughout the Zulu War, was present at the

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disaster of Isandhlwana, was recommended for the Victoria Cross, was mentioned in despatches and received the Medal and Clasp.

On his return from South Africa Lieutenant Smith-Dorrien spent a short time at the Depot, rejoining the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot in time to accompany it to Gibraltar at the end of 1881, and had just been promoted Captain when the 2nd Battalion proceeded to Egypt in 1882. At Alexandria he organized and commanded a small body of mounted infantry, to the value of the services of which the late Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood pays eloquent tribute in his Memoirs. Captain Smith-Dorrien accompanied the Battalion to India, proceeding home on leave soon after arrival, and on his way out again he was stopped by Sir Evelyn Wood, then Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, and persuaded temporarily to transfer to that army. In Egypt and the Soudan he remained for some time, taking part in the expeditions of 1885–86, being again mentioned in despatches and being rewarded with the D.S.O. and the 4th Class of the Orders of the Medjidieh and Osmanieh, and having, while attached to the Egyptian Army, passed through the Staff College.

He rejoined the 2nd Battalion in India in 1889, and was on the Staff in Bengal from 1892 to late in 1896, when he went home again on leave, rushing out to rejoin the Battalion once more in the autumn of 1897 in time to take part in the Tirah Expedition of that year, for his services in which he was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Frontier Medal and two clasps and a brevet Lieut.-Colonelcy. Returning to Egypt, he commanded the 13th Sudanese in the Nile Campaign of 1898, was present with Lord Kitchener at Fashoda, was mentioned in despatches and was given the brevet of Colonel and the medal. In January, 1899, he was promoted to the command of the 1st Battalion at Malta, taking it out to South Africa later in the year; and in the war with the Dutch Republics he was three times mentioned in despatches, was promoted Major-General and received the Queen's Medal and four clasps. The war in South Africa over, he proceeded to India to take over the appointment of Adjutant-General—being the second officer of our Regiment to hold that post: from Simla he went to Quetta, to the

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command of a first-class district, and from there in 1908 he came home to the coveted command at Aldershot.

Here, he caused something of a social revolution: it had been the custom to regard the British soldier as an evil-living, drunken beast, and at Aldershot and neighbourhood all public-houses were out of bounds, and "Tommy" was looked upon as something of a pariah. Our General—now Lieut.-General and K.C.B.—changed all this: he removed the ban, put his men upon their honour not to let him down—and they played up to him as they had done to no other commander, and no man ever did let him down.

When, in August, 1914, the Great War broke out, he was commanding the Southern District, and in the first distribution of high commands his name did not appear: on the death, however, of Sir James Grierson he was appointed to the command of the Second Army Corps in his place, and with his famous stand at Le Cateau his name will ever be remembered; at first covered with praise for his action by the Commander of the B.E.F., he was later blamed by the same leader. But posterity has done and ever will do our General justice, and all thinking soldiers will for ever be in complete agreement with the summing up of the account of that famous and much-debated action in the Official History of the War, where, on page 181, Vol. I, we read: "The whole of Smith-Dorrien's troops had done what was thought to be impossible. With both flanks more or less in the air, they had turned upon an enemy of at least twice their strength, had struck him hard, and had withdrawn, except on the right front of the 5th Division, practically without interference, with neither flank enveloped, having suffered losses certainly severe, but, considering the circumstances, by no means extravagant. The men looked upon themselves as victors; some indeed doubted whether they had been in a serious action; yet they had inflicted upon the enemy casualties which are believed to have been out of all proportion to their own; and they had completely foiled the plans of the German commander."

At the end of December, 1914, General Smith-Dorrien was given the command of the Second Army. But early in the following year, difficulties arising between him and Sir John

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DERBY—THE MEMORIAL SERVICE TO GENERAL SIR H. L. SMITH-DORRIEN
ARRIVAL OF THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, LORD LIEUTENANT OF THE COUNTY
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French, the former came home, being in June given the charge of the First Army, Home Defence, and then in November being appointed to command the East African Force. On the voyage out, however, he was taken very seriously ill and had to come home.

In January, 1917, he was appointed Lieutenant of the Tower of London, and in September of the following year Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar, retiring from the Army on the 7th September, 1923. For his services in the Great War he received the G.C.M.G., the 1914 Star, the British and Victory Medals and the Legion of Honour. Truly a great record of service, and one which will ever be a real incentive to all who in the future are privileged to serve in our Regiment.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, the 16th, at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, when there was a very large attendance, not only of men of our General's own rank and standing, but of old comrades of all ranks and, we might say, of both sexes; and those who had served under him at any time in the field must have felt how singularly appropriate were the words of the second verse of the first hymn that was sung:

"Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might,
Their Captain in the well-fought fight."

Seldom, perhaps, has a congregation joined more heartily in the singing and in the responses generally, and this was certainly due to the fact that the galleries were filled by non-commissioned officers and men of the 1st Battalion of his beloved old Regiment, practically every single man of which had come up from Shorncliffe to pay his last tribute to the very best of Colonels. The Band and Drums were also present, and the sounding of the "Last Post" and the "Reveille" at the end in the Church porch was almost too poignant for some of us.

The final ceremony took place at Berkhamsted, where our General was laid to rest among his kith and kin, and our Buglers again paid him the last sad tribute.

Death has this year taken from us one of our oldest officers in *Major-General Henry Blakeney Hayward*, who died at

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Bexley House, Crayford, Kent, after a comparatively short illness, on the evening of the 7th September. Major-General Hayward was born on the 10th August, 1838, so that at the time of his death he was in his ninety-third year, and so passes one more of the few now remaining officers who served in our 1st Battalion under its old title of the 45th Regiment.

General Hayward was appointed to the 45th as Ensign on the 8th July, 1856, joining in South Africa when the Kaffir Wars had at last come to an end, and when the Regiment was beginning to think of returning home again. Promoted Lieutenant on the 24th August, 1858, he became Captain on the 14th June, 1864, and four years later took part with the 45th in the Abyssinian Campaign: our readers will remember that the deceased general kindly permitted the publication of a great portion of his diary of that campaign in a comparatively recent issue of our *Annual*. Promoted Major on the 27th February, 1875, he became Lieut.-Colonel commanding the 45th on the 4th August, 1880, and it was during his period of command that the Territorial System was inaugurated and the 45th became known as the 1st Battalion The Sherwood Foresters, The Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.

He became a full Colonel on the 4th August, 1884, and was placed on half-pay a year later, finally retiring from the Service on the 13th January, 1886, with the honorary rank of Major-General.

For many years Major-General Hayward was a constant attendant at the Annual Dinner of our two Regular Battalions; and he took a very active part in organizing and presiding at the complimentary dinner which a number of us gave to our late Colonel, General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, at the United Service Club, on his return from France.

Increasing eye trouble had of late years made it impossible for General Hayward to come among us as often as he and we would have wished: but nothing gave him greater pleasure than to receive at his Kentish home any of those who had served in the Regiment in old days, and to talk of the comrades who had gone before and of the happy times spent together. In his last illness it was, we feel sure, a real pleasure and comfort to him to know that "the Old Regiment" was thinking of him; and when almost at

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the end a message reached him from the 1st Battalion assuring him of the sympathy of all ranks, the dying man's murmur of " dear old Boys " showed how greatly their kindly thoughts were appreciated by the Old Comrade who had become one of them *more than seventy-four years ago.*

It is much to be regretted that General Hayward's old Battalion was away from Shorncliffe at manœuvres in Suffolk, and was consequently unable to attend the funeral, but it was represented by 2nd Lieut. K. Wilkinson; Colonel H. C. Wylly was also present. By a curious coincidence the processional cross used at the funeral service was almost an exact replica of the Abyssinian Cross in the Officers' Mess of our 1st Battalion, and had also been taken at the capture of Magdala.

All ranks of the Regiment will, we feel sure, join in an expression of heartfelt sympathy to those whom Major-General Hayward has left behind him.

The Times of the 19th September contained the following notice: " On September 17th at Wood Green, Hampshire, *Grenville Edwyn Temple*, late Captain, The Sherwood Foresters, aged 70." It is many years since we have seen this much regretted old comrade of ours, but every one of those who knew and served with him in the Old Days will be truly sorry to read of his death. Temple was one of the seven subalterns who was gazetted to the Regiment in January, 1882, and who joined the 2nd Battalion at Gibraltar early in that year. He served with the 2nd Battalion in Egypt in 1882 and also in the Sikkim Expedition of 1888, was promoted Captain on the 14th February, 1890, and retired on the 8th June, 1898, being for some years Governor of the Prison at Parkhurst in the Isle of Wight. Gren Temple was a real good sportsman, and was a regular playing member of the 2nd Battalion Polo Team in India. He had not for many years past attended the Regimental Dinner, though he always replied very cordially to the appeals and remonstrances which our Secretary put forward from time to time, and we shall all now sincerely regret that any hope of seeing our good old friend again must finally be abandoned.

Happily a son of his is still one of " Ours," and to him,

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on behalf of all those who in Gibraltar, Egypt, Lucknow, Dum Dum, Saugor, Jubbulpore, Ambala and elsewhere, served with his Father, we would offer our sympathy in fullest measure.

Death has dealt very hardly with our senior retired officers of late, no fewer than four of them having been carried off within something less than two months. *Lieut.-Colonel Stanley Mason Castle* died at a nursing-home in London on the 18th September and was buried on the 24th. The deceased officer was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Sussex Regiment on the 21st April, 1900, was promoted Lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Regiment on the 17th December, 1902, and Captain on the 29th May, 1904, transferring to our Regiment in that rank on the 19th July of the year following; he was promoted Major on the 1st September, 1915, and retired with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel on the 1st April, 1924. Colonel Castle had seen a good deal of active service, having served in the South African War of 1899–1902, being awarded the Queen's Medal and four Clasps; in the Great War of 1914–19, being mentioned in despatches, and being granted the 1914 Star, the British and Victory Medals, and the Soudan Medal and Clasp. It is some years since we saw him at our Annual Dinner, or him and any of his family at our Ladies' At Home, but we are sure that we may offer the very real sympathy of all of us to Mrs. Castle and her daughter in their great sorrow.

As we go to press we are shocked to read in *The Times* of the 29th October the announcement of the death, "suddenly on the 24th October after an operation," of Lieut.-Colonel E. C. Dowse, formerly of our Regiment. *Colonel Edward Cecil Dowse* was appointed Sub-Lieutenant in the 45th on the 30th December, 1871, and when promoted Lieutenant he was ante-dated to the same date. He became Captain the 23rd March, 1881, and Major in The Sherwood Foresters on the 4th August, 1885. On the 5th August, 1895, he was promoted Lieut.-Colonel to command the 2nd Battalion, and he commanded it during the Tirah Expedition of 1897–8, being awarded the Indian General Service Medal and two clasps.

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He brought the 2nd Battalion from India to Aden, and on the 5th August, 1899, he went on Half-pay, retiring on the 27th of the following month. For some years past he has not been seen at our Regimental Dinner, but in a letter only quite recently received from him by the Editor of this *Annual*, he seemed to be enjoying his usual good health, so that his death was wholly unexpected by his old friends of the Regiment, who will, we are sure, wish to join in an expression of our deep sympathy with our late comrade's widow.

One of the survivors of the Zulu War, *Mr. John Thomas Tansley*, died at Chatham on Friday, 11th July, aged 73. Deceased enlisted in 1873 at the age of 16 in the 27th Brigade of the 45th Regiment (Sherwood Foresters) and took part in the Zulu War of 1879, by which time he had risen to the rank of corporal. He was the N.C.O. in charge of the party escorting the embalmed body of the Prince Imperial from Buluwayo to Pietermaritzburg. Leaving the Service in 1880, deceased emigrated with his family to South America. In 1914, at the age of 58, he answered Lord Kitchener's appeal, giving up a good position in Valparaiso to return to England to join the Colours. He served throughout the War in a Kentish regiment. Semi-military honours were accorded the funeral at Chatham Cemetery.

Our readers will hardly need to be reminded that our last number contained an article by C.V.B., entitled "Days of Long Ago," in which the writer told us of service in the ranks of our 1st Battalion fifty years ago. Our valued contributor, Mr. C. Brumley, died, we much regret to say, at his home near Dublin before the copy of the *Annual* containing his story reached him; but in a letter received from his widow, acknowledging the belated receipt of the book, she told us how much her late husband and our old comrade had enjoyed putting down his recollections of his service in our Regiment, and how greatly he was looking forward to seeing them in print.

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WHAT REALLY COUNTS

SCENE.—*Any ordinary meeting-place.*

THE CIVILIAN. "What *do* you fellows find to talk about at your Old Comrades' Dinners?"

THE OLD SOLDIER. "Oh! All sorts of little things."

THE CIVILIAN. ? ? ? ?

THE POET explains:

"It is the little things that count so much—
The half-forgotten fragment of a song.
The memory of far-off hours—the touch
Of friendly fingers—warm and kind and strong.

"A verse we read and dreamed with for awhile,
The funny, futile games of boyhood's years,
All pass in swift review; and though we smile,
The smile is touched with just a glint of tears.

"These are the precious things of Memory—
The pictures in the scrap-book of the Heart,
The book whose pages we so love to see,
Faint images that tear the soul apart.

"Some men may smile to know that such
As these few little things could count so much."

THE CIVILIAN begins to understand.

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